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DOF sweep targets small businesses

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO REPORTER

multi-division team within the Department of Finance is going out to small businesses that are normally unchecked for a lot of compliance issues such as whether they have a valid business license or are current in their tax payments, compared to medium and large businesses that have always been under the microscope.

Larson, in an interview, said that administrative work related to this particular task has started and the actual door-todoor checks will begin shortly.

Details of the increased enforcement efforts won't be divulged at this time.

Finance has hired additional revenue technicians and enforcement officers to beef up its compliance checks to include small businesses "that are not



"What we're looking for... is just to make sure they are in compliance—whether business licenses have been renewed and are appropriate for every activity that the business is engaged in, that they have filed taxes with Revenue and Taxation. We are going to look

at cash register tapes, making sure that there are some forms of receipting, and

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IMI officials visit aircraft carrier

PACIFIC OCEAN—Government representatives from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands visited the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington on July 5.

The representatives visited the ship to receive a general orientation of an underway aircraft carrier and to better understand George Washington's strategic mission in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of

"We really appreciate the efforts that the Northern Mariana Islands have made to provide a training environment for



the U.S. Navy," said Rear Adm. Mark Montgomery, commander, Battle Force 7th Fleet. "Training and operations in the Marianas contribute to relationship development and enhanced interoperability."

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), and Tinian Mayor Ramon De La Cruz were among 14 distinguished visitors who spent the day aboard George Washing-

"I hope our visitors take back with them a sense

of what their Navy and sailors do here on a day-to-day basis for the United States and its regional partners," said Capt. Carlos Sardiello, George Washington's executive officer.

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Government officials from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands receive an explanation on flight deck operations during a distinguished visitor embark aboard the U.S. Navy's forwarddeployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington. Other photo shows CNMI officials observing flight deck operations aboard George Washington.

U.S. NAVY/LT. MATT KNIGHT

'Governor's health no cause for concern'

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has been receiving dialysis treatment at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

and his Covenant Party separately told

>> Covenant Party: **Inos will declare** candidacy at the right time

this has not hampered the governor's ability to lead the CNMI in these trying times as well as his bid in the 2014 gubernatorial elections.

Saipan Tribune over the weekend that

Previous governors received medical treatment thrice a week, but his administration while in office, including former gov-

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S. 744's medical costs for FAS citizens raise concerns

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos supports congressional efforts to open up Medicaid eligibility to migrants from the Freely Associated States, but he wants it done the right way to prevent negative impacts on the CNMI's limited finances, particularly by amending Section 4415 of S. 744, the

sweeping immigration bill that the U.S. Senate recently passed.

Inos expressed his concerns in a threepage, July 3 letter to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

The letter came shortly after Inos and Sablan met on Capital Hill last week to discuss Medicaid coverage and other measures in Congress that affect the

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'DA BIG BANG COMEDY SHOW BLOWOUT SAIPAN!'

Two comics, two distinct styles

By MARK RABAGO mark_rabago@saipantribune.com ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The first one made the crowd laugh with his physical comedy and the use of props—ala Johnny Knoxville, while the other left them in stitches with his more traditional stylemaking the audience laugh at their own expense.

"Da Big Bang Comedy Show Blowout Saipan!" last Friday brought the house down as locals and sailors from the USS Momsen just couldn't get enough of Hawaiian comics Kaleo Pilanca and Mel Cabang.

Pilanca was the first on stage and had everyone guessing why he was wearing white stockings on his head. He later explained that he always liked Bob Marley but couldn't grow his hair long so he used the prop to mimic a Rastafarian hairdo.

He also shared that he loves much older women because their Social Security check always comes in handy. "If she's 61, I'll take her! I like my women not being able to run after me!

A short while later he asked one of the sailors in the crowd to come up on stage and join him an impromptu Hawaiian dance by making him act out everyday chores.

By this time he already ditched his T-shirt to reveal his fake muscles.

Pilanca, who proudly says he's half Filipino, a one-fourth Portuguese, one-fourth German, one-fourth Irish, and onefourth Hawaiian (he says he's



MARK RABAGO

Kaleo Pilanca, left, and Mel Cabang turned the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan into a laugh house during last Friday's "Da Big Bang Comedy Show Blowout Saipan!"

bad in math), concluded his act by showing off the different eras from the '70s up by shedding off his short pants.

Layer upon layer of shorts pants went off, revealing shortshorts ranging from the disco age of '70s to tight-fitting ones worn by NBA players like Magic Johnson, to those akin to what Richards Simmons used in his '80s workout videos. His last piece of undergarment was those made popular by Philippine comedy king Dolphy who in his TV show "John en Marsha" wore puruntong shorts.

Cabang, meanwhile, had a more direct yet spontaneous approach to comedy.

He did so by making fun of people he picked out using his handy flashlight. At one point, the folically challenged Cabang identified a bald sailor in the crowd as his long, lost son and said in all seriousness that "I used to look like you when I was your age" and then came the punch line "Now you know what you'll look when you become my age...'

He later invited his "son" on stage and the two sang a drunken rendition of "Johnny Be Good."

A local couple in the crowd wasn't spared from Cabang's

antics as he egged them to kiss. When they did, he dismissed it as lame and proceeded to teach the couple how to do it right.

Just when it seemed Cabang was going to kiss the womanwith some lascivious tongue action to boot—he suddenly turned away from her and said, "You thought I was going to kiss you? I'm kissing him," as the crowd exploded in laughter.

Cabang, known as the "Grandfather of Hawaiian Comedy," threw zingers left and right but didn't fail to apologize, saying about two-dozen "I'm sorrys" to the men and women watching.

he insulted a drink or two but then told the servers to "give the tab to the black guy over there!"

Cabang also said he used to be Filipino "but I quit" because of how Filipinos tend to speak English like hens—with long frustrating pauses.

"Da Big Bang Comedy Show Blowout Saipan!" is a Shimbros Production and was sponsored

He also offered to buy those by MarPac, Docomo Pacific, IP&E, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and Fiesta Resort & Spa.

> "Da Big Bang Comedy Show Blowout Saipan!" comes in the heels of MarPac flying into Saipan island reggae legend Baba B and Canadian comic Ron Josol. The three events are part of the MarPac's 40th anniversary celebration of conducting business on Saipan.

AG working with DPS to deter crimes vs tourists

The Office of the Attorney General has been working with the Department of Public Safety to deter criminals from preying on tourists in the Commonwealth.

This, according to Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas, who spoke during last week's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

"I have been working closely with DPS Commissioner [James] Deleon Guerrero on efforts to deter crimes against tourists. In fact about two months ago, we conducted training with DPS," he said.

Aside from discussing the lawyering statute and what DPS' authority is in crimes against tourists, San Nicolas said he also asked Deleon Guerrero if police could respond more quickly to purse snatchings and thefts against tourists.

One concern, he said, in crimes against tourists is the absence of the latter because more often than not they are "thousands of miles way."

Prosecutors need to establish several things in crimes against tourists—who the tourist is, where are they located, and who the tour agent is who dropped them, he said.

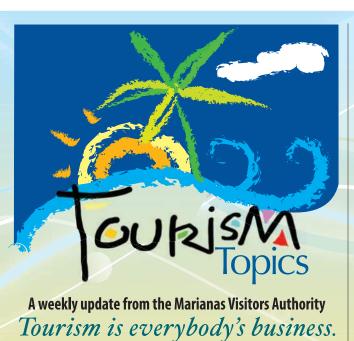
'The challenge is not just getting information but also locating them, whether it's a Japanese tourist who went back to Japan or somebody from Asia. It's still a workin-progress. We want more convictions!"

He added that his office has also been working with the islands' tourism task force "in how government can legally make these tourist sites not only more visually pleasing but also safe by looking outside the box. It's not good to hear tourists being victimized."

In addition, San Nicolas also talked about the OAG's zero tolerance policy against domestic violence. He said chief prosecutor Shelli Neal is specially trained in prosecuting domestic violence cases, having more than 15 years of experience handling such cases.

He also said those accused of domestic violence shouldn't be released right away without going through the court first.

"Everyone arrested for domestic violence should not be released. We've met with judges and agreed that if you've been arrested for domestic violence you have to come to court and face the judge. You should answer to the court and then bail will be determined. We take the issue of domestic violence very seriously." (Mark Rabago)



29th Annual Saipan International **Fishing Tournament**

he 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament will be held on July 13-14, 2013, with \$10,000 to be awarded for any marlin weighing more than the record 942 lbs. landed last year.

Registration forms, rules, and additional details are available under the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) online Calendar of Events at www.mymarianas.com or the Saipan **Fishermen's Association** website at <u>www.sfacnmi.com</u>. Participants must register on July 12, 2013, from 5-6:30 p.m. at Smiling Cove Marina in Garapan. Registration is \$150 per boat, including one captain and one crewmember. Each additional crewmember is \$25.

The event is organized by Saipan Fishermen's Association and sponsored in part by the MVA, Mobil Oil Microne-

sia, Inc., DOCOMO Pacific, Pacifica Insurance, Delta Air Lines and MARPAC.

All participating boats must observe safe boating rules & regulations.



Launching will be from 6-8 a.m. both days at Smiling Cove Marina, **Sugar Dock** in Chalan Kanoa, and Garapan Fishing Base. All boats launching after 8 a.m. need to check out at Smiling Cove Marina. Participants wishing to register their catch must do be inside the Smiling Cove Marina channel by 6 p.m. both days.

Tournament fee also includes entrance to the awards banquet. For more information, contact Frank Tudela of the MVA at <u>ftudela@mymarianas</u>. com or 1.670.664.3210.

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Lifoifoi renamed anew as Palau honorary consul to NMI

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Former lawmaker Jose R. Lifoifoi was appointed anew by the Republic of Palau as its honorary consul to the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

New Republic of Palau president Tommy E. Remengesau Jr. formally named Lifoifoi to the

position on May 13 this year.

The Palau chief executive said that Lifoifoi's appointment will ensure the welfare of Palauans in the Commonwealth and the good ties between the two island nations.

"You have served Palau very well in this honorary consul position for many years, and I am appointing you to build on this work. Our relationship with

the CNMI has always been a close one, and I hope that we can work together to turn our relationship into tangible benefits for both of our islands," Remengesau told Lifoifoi.

The new appointment is for four years.

In addition to Lifoifoi's usual duties as honorary consul, he was also asked to identify investors in the CNMI who may be interested in Palau.

Lifoifoi and his wife, Cecil, told Saipan Tribune that they are happy and humbled by the recognition and vowed to do their best. The couple is bound to visit Palau soon.

Former Palau president Johnson Toribiong also appointed Lifoifoi to the position during his term in office. The former chief described Lifoifoi as "truly a friend to the Republic of Palau."

Lifoifoi is the first in the CNMI to be bestowed an honorary Palauan citizenship and he is only the second individual to have been given that honor in the history of Palau. Donald R. Shuster was granted an honorary citizenship in 1979.

This is the second time that Remengesau entrusted Lifoifoi with the honorary consul position.

In a statement from the Inos' administration, press secretary Angel Demapan said that Lifoifoi's appointment is testament to the confidence of the Palau government and its people in Lifoifoi.

"Mr. Lifoifoi had already been serving as honorary counsel of Palau to the CNMI for several years already. The new appointment by President Remengesau reaffirms the Republic of Palau's confidence in Mr. Lifoifoi's service to Palauans living in the CNMI," he told Saipan Tribune.

Lifoifoi is currently board chairman of the United Micronesian Development Association and board chairman of the

Commonwealth Ports Authority. He used to be a speaker of the House and has held numerous government positions.

Lifoifoi has been traveling to Palau since the 1970s. He considers it among the most beautiful islands he has ever visited. He was instrumental in bringing to Palau various religious replicas to spread and strengthen their Christian faith since the early 1970s. He is known to many Palauans as someone with a big heart for the villagers. Besides a consistent supporter of community-oriented projects on island, Lifofoi also helped organized fundraisers for many projects.



Jose R. Lifoifoi and his wife, Cecil.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Judge rejects suspected burglar's plea deal

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has rejected a proposed plea deal between a suspected burglar and the Office of the Attorney General, describing it as "too lenient."

Wiseman set a jury trial of defendant Peterson C. Tipingeni for Sept. 16, 2013.

The OAG charged the 20-year-old Tipingeni with burglary and disturbing the peace.

Under the proposed plea deal, Tipingeni would plead guilty to disturbing the peace and criminal trespass and would be sentenced to a total

of one year in prison, all suspended except for six months. He would also be given credit for time served.

Tipingeni is accused of unlawfully entering a hotel staff housing in China Town, Garapan, in the early morning hours of Jan. 1, 2013.

The 13-year-old daughter of a couple was awakened by the noise, saw the defendant inside her home, and was extremely frightened.

Tipingeni is represented by attorney Tiberius Mocanu. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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ties in the CNMI and Saipan

Air's fraud claim arises from

Saipan Air is suing Stukes,

Robert, and 10 unnamed co-

defendants for allegedly con-

spiring to fraudulently obtain

money and other property from

CNMI and other territories.

Section 4415, introduced as

an amendment by Hawaii Sen.

Mazie Hirono during a U.S.

Senate Judiciary Committee

markup on S. 744, removes the

present cap on federal Medicaid

payments to the U.S. territories

for so-called COFA migrants.

However, it retains the current

matching requirement of 45

percent territorial and 55 per-

In the long run, this could

leave the CNMI "worse off as a

result of Section 4415" if passed

COFA migrants refer to those

from nations with which the

United States has entered into

compacts of free association.

They include Palau, the Mar-

shal Islands, and the Federated

States of Micronesia's Pohnpei,

Inos said as a last resort to

mitigate the CNMI's concerns,

he would like to see the inclu-

sion of a provision "granting

state and territorial governors

the discretion to opt-in or opt-

out of the requirement that Med-

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in its current form, Inos said.

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those activities.

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Conry,

Jury trial in Saipan Air'lawsuit on June 16, 2014

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has set a June 16, 2014, jury trial for the \$50-million racketeering lawsuit filed by Saipan Air Inc. against three executives of Swift Air LLC.

In a case management order issued Friday, Manglona set a settlement conference for Nov. 13, 2013, at 9am and a final settlement conference for May 9, 2014, at 9am.

Manglona informed the parties in the lawsuit that Judge Alex R. Munson would preside over the settlement conferences and that the date scheduled by the court was subject to change dependent upon Munson's availability.

Manglona said all discovery shall be completed by April 14, 2014, and that all discovery and dispositive motions shall be filed so as to be heard on May 22, 2014, at 8am.

The judge said that Saipan Air Inc. shall designate any expert witnesses on or before Dec. 16, 2013, while defendants Donald A. Stukes, Jeffrey Conry, and Boris Van Lier shall designate any expert witnesses on or before Dec. 30, 2013.

Manglona conducted a case management conference last June 17. Attorney Steven P. Pixley appeared for Saipan Air. Attorneys Michael A. White and J. Nathan Duggins III represented the defendants.

Last February, Manglona ruled that the federal court has personal jurisdiction over each of the three defendants because they purposely availed of the privilege of conducting activi-

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Located in the U.S. 7th Fleet

'We're in the Marianas a lot," said Montgomery. "One of our ships is currently [on] Saipan and we've also had four ships near Guam in the past week. Most of the ships come about three or four times a year to operate and for port visits. We enjoy this area for training and for

The U.S. Navy's presence in

the water of the Marianas provides safety and security for the

"Watching all of the sailors work together to launch aircraft gives us comfort that our military and Navy are well organized," said Torres. "The Marianas is composed of 14 different islands surrounded by a vast sea; to have our Navy train in our waters gives us a sense of security."

George Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing 5, provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacif-

ic region. (PR) icaid cover COFA migrants." Inos said Hawaii Rep. Colleen Hanabusa's bill, H.R. 1222,

> "In closing, I must share that I am pleased to see that Congress is actively engaged in seeking ways to provide long overdue assistance to COFA migrants. This is certainly an issue very close to us given our rich history together under the former Trust Territory Government. All I'm asking for is that this be done the right way and for the benefit of everyone, U.S. and COFA citizens alike,"

contains such a provision.

the governor said. S. 744 is the immigration reform bill that provides a pathway to citizenship for some 11 million undocumented aliens

Air LLC is a limited liability company organized in Arizona.

already in the United States. This bill also has a provision allowing a pathway to citizenship for long-term, legal aliens in the CNMI.

Saipan Air Inc. Saipan Air is

suing the defendants for fraud,

violations of the Racketeer In-

fluenced and Corrupt Organiza-

tion Act, and unjust enrichment.

ganized under CNMI laws. Swift

Saipan Air is a corporation or-

Costs to CNMI

At present, some of the costs of providing health care services to COFA migrants in the CNMI are covered by Medicaid.

Inos said the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved a state plan that allows for Medicaid to reimburse the CNMI for providing so-called Defined Emergency Services even if the patients, such as COFA migrants, are not enrolled in Medicaid.

These Defined Emergency Services include emergency room services, dialysis, day surgery, and hospitalization.

The CNMI State Plan also allows for Medicaid coverage of pregnant women and children from the Freely Associated States.

Last year, a total of 1,307 patients from FAS were covered in this manner at a total cost of \$I.75 million, Inos said.

The governor said the CNMI's local share was \$789,840 and the federal share was \$965,360.

He said Section 4415 would not change this existing coverage or the territorial/federal shares of costs.

Instead, Section 4415 "would source the federal share from funds other than those currently capped by Section 1108 of the Social Security Act."

These capped funds include both the longstanding annual amounts allocated to each territory, as well as the new funds provided as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

"Thus, if Section 4415 had been in effect last year, the \$965,360 federal share, which paid for health care for COFA migrants, would have eventually instead been applied to

the cost of health care for U.S. citizens eligible for Medicaid," Inos told Sablan.

of North Carolina, while Stukes is

Saipan Air entered into an

agreement with Swift Air for the

charter of two Boeing 757-200

aircraft and one Boeing 737-

400 aircraft. The aircraft were

to be delivered to Saipan Air by

a resident of New York.

In addition to the COFA migrants covered by Medicaid under terms of the CNMI's State Plan, the CNMI also expended \$488,800 of local funds in 2012 to provide health services to other COFA patients, who required care not eligible for any type of Medicaid coverage at the Commonwealth Health Center, Inos said.

Assuming all these patients met the income threshold and any other Medicaid eligibility requirements, 55 percent of this expenditure amount, or \$268.840. would have been covered by the federal government, if Section 4415 had been in effect, Inos said.

Based on historical data, Section 4415 would have been of benefit to the CNMI because capped, territorial Medicaid funds would not have been diverted to pay for COFA migrant health care and 55 percent of the funds expended by the CNMI for some of this care would have been saved.

"Looking forward though, there is risk to the Commonwealth's finances if Section 4415 goes into effect," Inos said.

He said the number of persons covered is likely to increase.

The 2010 Census reported 3,169 COFA migrants in the CNMI. Inos said although the Commonwealth already provides Defined Emergency Services and other care to some of this population, "if all are qualified for Medicaid, the number receiving services is very likely to rise.'

"And the Commonwealth will be responsible for 45 percent of the increased cost. We may also see the range of services being provided expand, as, presumably, COFA migrants could not be made ineligible for any care that is available to any other Medicaid patient un-

Conry and Van Lier are residents July 1, 2012, for transporting tourists from China and Japan to and from the CNMI.

On June 24, 2012, Van Lier notified Saipan Air that the agreement is terminated and canceled.

On June 27, 2012, Swift Air filed for bankruptcy. (Ferdie de la Torre)

der the terms of our State Plan. Increased utilization means increased cost and, again, the Commonwealth will be responsible for 45 percent of that cost," he said.

He added that there is the risk of future increases in the cost of medical equipment, supplies, and personnel who provide care.

Even if the 55 percent offset of total costs seems attractive at present, providing more care to more people at inflated rates in the future could put the Commonwealth right back where we started or in an even worse financial position," he said.

'Not outright opposition'

The governor said these concerns do not mean outright opposition to Section 4415.

In fact, he said, proposals regarding Medicaid coverage of COFA migrants already before Congress could improve the problems he has identified.

"In particular, I would strongly support the addition to Section 4415 of language similar to that in H.R. 1222, introduced by Hawaii Rep. Colleen Hanabusa," he said.

Hanabusa's bill provides that the federal medical assistance percentage for COFA migrants will be the same percentage as is applied to medical assistance for services received through a Native American Health Service Facility.

This one change to Section 4415 would end all of the forward risk for the Commonwealth, Inos said.

At the same time, by assuring that low-income COFA migrants will have access to the same services as any other Medicaid patients, this change would have a substantial, positive benefit for public health in the CNMI, the governor said.

There is no telling about the fate of S. 744 in the U.S. House of Representatives.

CARRIER

area of operations, the Mariana Islands play a vital role in the Navy's training and mission readiness.

recreation."

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various other components that we are tasked with overseeing,' Larson told Saipan Tribune.

Larson said if Finance finds other issues not under their jurisdiction, they would contact the "appropriate agencies."

She said Finance personnel will have an official badge "so that people can make sure that they really are a representative of Finance.'

Finance enforcement personnel will come in a group of two

"If anyone has any questions about the people coming into their business, they can always feel free to call my office, 664 1100, and we can confirm that 'yes, those people are really representatives' [of Finance]. We also want to make sure that businesses know the people looking at their records are indeed our employees. We want to work together with our business community to keep them safe as well," Larson added.

Through tax enforcement efforts and an improving tourism industry, the government has been able to collect more in taxes.

Larson echoed Gov. Eloy S. Inos' earlier statement that the \$123.4 million in projected revenue available for government operations in fiscal year 2014 may be adjusted upward to reflect increased economic activity.

"We've always had enforcement but it's going to be much stronger now. And people will

see more of the impact not only from Rev and Tax but also from Customs and [other Finance divisions], it's a department goal," she added.

Lawmakers have also introduced separate bills increasing tax law and rules compliance.

These include House Bill 18-44, House Draft 1 that the House recently passed and is now under Senate consideration.

The bill requires "random" inspection of sales receipts by businesses.

Moreover, Larson said the monthly filing and payment of business gross revenue tax has been giving the government "a great reliability as far as what to project" in terms of revenue.

Refund, rebate checks

Larson also lauded Finance personnel for their collaboration in making sure that most of the refund and rebate checks were released before the Fourth of July holiday, much earlier than the original target date of August.

She said Finance has hired new employees, many of whom had their first tax season this year.

Taxpayers who do not receive their refund or rebate checks within the next two weeksfrom initial releases on June 28. June 29 and July 1—are advised to call Finance's Division of Tax and Revenue at 664-1040/44 to verify if there is an error or issue that needs correction.

Finance released close to \$4 million in tax rebate and refund checks for over 9,000 CNMI taxpayers, based on the governor's announcement on June 29.

been inquiring about the governor's health, but the governor's supporters have dismissed these inquires as mere political moves by individuals supporting other potential gubernatorial candidates.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said yesterday that "there is no cause for alarm or grave concerns regarding Gov. Inos' health."

"He continues to be fully engaged with his duties and responsibilities as governor. Right now, the governor remains focused on solving the challenges surrounding the Retirement Fund, health care, utilities, and the state of the CNMI's economy," Demapan told Saipan Tribune.

The press secretary added that "Clearly, his [Inos'] active involvement in the recent marathon settlement negotiations for the Fund, last week's leadership forum with the Legislature and

Congressman Kilili, and his appearances in support of public activities such as this year's Liberation Day are just further testaments to Gov. Inos' commitment to good governance."

Inos became the CNMI's first un-elected lieutenant governor in April 2009 when Fitial appointed him to succeed then lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez who resigned from office on April 24, 2009, following his conviction on federal criminal charges related to fraud. In the following election, Fitial sought re-election and Inos ran with him.

On Feb. 20, 2013, Inos became the first CNMI governor to ascend to the post without being elected, when Fitial stepped down days after the House impeached him on 18 charges of corruption, felony, and neglect of duty and before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate.

Inos will be seeking election in November 2014, Covenant Party officers and members

Meanwhile, the Republican Party is trying to reorganize. To date, former governor Benigno R. Fitial remains its president/ chairman.

Sources said some GOP officers have asked the former governor to resign as political party chairman following his long absence from the CNMI after he resigned and because of his major medical conditions. Fitial, according to sources, has yet to inform the Republican Party of his decision.

Besides Inos, at least three potential candidates' other names have been floating around—former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), and businessman Joe Ayuyu.

GOVERNOR

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on wheelchair but continued to govern and managed to get reelected, among other things. Covenant Party campaign chair Oscar M. Babauta, when sought for comment, told Saipan Tribune that the gover-

ernor Benigno R. Fitial who

underwent surgery to correct

spinal stenosis and was at times

nor has shown his ability and skills to lead the CNMI despite a health condition. "The governor is strong, vibrant, and he's not letting this affect his governance, his leadership," Babauta said in a phone

interview. Babauta also made clear that Inos will be declaring his candidacy for governor "at the right time."

Community members have

Podziewski waives confidentiality right

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com

Kyle Podziewski, a faculty member of the Northern Marianas College whose employment contract was not renewed, has waived his right to confidentiality in a bid to force the

hand of NMC president Sharon regarding the non-renewal Y. Hart, Ph.D., who he said is using the confidentiality clause as a means to avoid scrutiny on her decisions.

In a letter to Hart on July 3, Podziewski pointed out that the president has made inconsistent statements to the media decision for himself and colleague Larry Lee.

The two faculty members were given non-renewal notices in May—a decision that the two believe is "clear retaliation" following their criticisms of the president.

Sen. Ayuyu's motion to disqualify prosecutor is denied

said, has not made an offer of proof as to what Backe might say on the stand that would impeach his own investiga-

"It is pure speculation that

nal cases: the fruit bat case, obstruction of justice case, and the cell phone use. He has been in detention since Dec. 17, 2012. The three cases will go on trial

According to Podziewski, there appears to be two consistent themes that Hart has presented to the media regarding their non-renewal.

One theme, he said, is that these non-renewals are the results of policies and procedures that the college has in place. He urged the president to cite and produce these policies.

"For the sake of transparency, please consider this a formal request for your office to share with the community of the Northern Mariana Islands the exact names and numbers of these policies and procedures so that all concerned parties can better understand how this process, which you have claimed to be in place, actually works," Podziewski told the president in his July 3 letter.

The second theme, according to Podziewski, appeared when Hart was pressed for details concerning the non-renewals.

"You have claimed to be unable to comment because of the need to preserve the confidentiality of the personnel involved."

"It is my belief that you are using my rights of confidentiality to protect yourself from scrutiny and to further obscure the transparency of the renewal process, if there is such a process in place," he said.

Therefore, he added, "I am waiving my rights to employee confidentiality concerning my work record and allow you to freely comment on the reasons for non-renewal of my contract if you are asked by anyone in the CNMI community."

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U.S. Navy Public Notice

Availability of Final

Environmental Assessment

and Finding of No Significant Impact

The United States Department of the Navy (Navy), in cooperation with the U.S. Air

Force and Federal Aviation Administration, completed the Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC) Airspace Final Environmental Assessment/Overseas

tain comments from NMC through its external relations office—since Friday but has yet to receive a response as of press time.

In an earlier statement, Hart said, "We will continue to do what is in the best interest of the institution, including making personnel decisions that may not be popular."

Podziewski is the newly elected Faculty Senate president and has been with the college for two years. Lee was a faculty member at the business department and has been with the college for 13 years.

Podziewski's official departure from college is on Aug. 10.

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE to establish essential facts otherwise not as ascertainable,"

Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu's (Ind-Rota) bid to have assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe disqualified from prosecuting the criminal cases filed against him has been denied.

In a written order on Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said that Backe's involvement in the investigation of the cases does not create a risk of improper vouching.

Although Backe may have direct knowledge of what a witness may have said as to what happened, he does not have special knowledge or insight into what actually happened-into the facts and circumstances to which the witness will testify, Manglona said.

In Ayuyu's motion to disqualify, attorney David J. Lujan asserted that Backe may be a necessary witness.

In denying the motion, Manglona said an attorney is prohibited "from appearing as both a witness and an advocate in the same litigation."

The advocate-witness rule, Manglona said, reflects concern that the prosecutor will not be a fully objective witness, that the prestige of the prosecutor's office would lend undue credibility to the witness's testimony; and that a blurring of the line between witness (who gives credence) and advocate (who argues from the evidence) would confuse jurors.

During the criminal investigation of Ayuyu's cases, Backe participated in interviews of several persons, including the interview of co-defendant Ryan Manglona. Also present during the interviews was inspector Erwin T. Flores of the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife.

The judge pointed out that if one of these persons gives testimony that is inconsistent with statements the person made in interview, Backe has personal knowledge of facts that could impeach the witness and therefore could be competent to testify in the matter.

Manglona said that Flores would also be competent to offer impeachment testimony.

She said one of the purposes of having a third person like Flores present for interviews during a criminal investigation is so that the prosecutor can avoid becoming an advocatewitness.

Manglona said because Backe is not "the sole witness whose testimony is necessary

the advocate-witness rule does not directly require his disqualification.

She said a prosecutor may be allowed to testify only upon a showing of "compelling need."

"Ayuyu has not demonstrated that such a need is likely to arise," the judge said.

Manglona said any discrepancies between Flores's testimony and that of other witness can be developed effectively through vigorous cross-examination.

The defense, Manglona

tor's testimony about any particular witness interview.

Mr. Backe might have knowledge that would make his testimony necessary," she added.

Ayuyu is facing three crimion July 20, 2013.



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- Create new Warning Areas, designated as W-11, W-12, and W-13, which would replace existing Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace 1, 2, and 3 Expand the planned 10 nm surface Danger Zone around

FDM to 12 nm (congruent with proposed R-7201A)

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to maximize public awareness of hazardous military training activities and to optimize safety and training efficiency. The Proposed Action is needed to support training activities that involve the use of advanced weapons systems. Implementation of the preferred alternative would meet the Navy's purpose and need by ensuring activities are conducted safely in controlled areas.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

The Navy held open house information sessions for the Draft EA/OEA on Jan. 15, 2013, in Mangilao, Guam, and Jan. 17, 2013, in Susupe, Saipan. Public and agency comments received during a 45-day public review period

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Sugar King train gets 'pimped' by visiting Navy men

OK, Senior Chief Petty Officer Thomas Masanotti would never be mistaken for Xzibit and his crew from the USS Momsen is undoubtedly not from Pimp My Ride.

But Masanotti and company might have tackled the same challenges the popular MTV reality TV show used to face when haul technicians and damage control men of the Arleigh Burke-class guidedmissile destroyer did repairs on the decades-old Sugar King train at the Garapan park named for Haruji Matsue— Saipan's Sugar King.

Several crew of the USS Momsen with Masanotti leading the way woke up bright and early last Friday and drove down from the Port of Saipan to Garapan to go work on at least restoring the cab of the Japanese-era steam train.

"We're trying to fix the train and renovate it. It needs a lot more work than we are able to give because we only have one day. But we got our haul technicians and damage control men to come down here. These are the people who fix the ship. They respond to fires, flood, and different scenarios where we have to control what is happening to the ship and keep it afloat," Masanotti told Saipan Tribune.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio said it is important to note that the focus of the crew of the USS Momsen is to just stabilize the cab part and not repair the whole train.

"We will worry about the other parts of the train later. This whole part," he said, pointing to the cab, "was shaking when they were taking it

apart. It's not safe. But absolutely we still want to renovate the whole train."

He thanked Masanotti and company for accepting the challenge on short notice.

"We're not expecting that it's going be what it was originally. We do hope that when they leave here it will be safe when people get on it," said Tenorio.

According to an etched plaque at the site, the train was used to haul sugar cane to a Japanese factory before World War II.

As well as restoring the cab portion of the Sugar King train, the crew of USS Momsen also marched in the rain-soaked Liberation Day parade on July 4. Some of them also got shore leaves and watched "Da Big Bang Comedy Show Blowout Saipan!" Friday night.

The Liberation Day parade



Two crewmembers of the USS Momsen work on the cab part of the Sugar King train while another one works on the steam engine Friday morning at the Sugar King Park in Garapan

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He said that experiencing the these kinds of community relalocal culture, giving a helping tions projects," said Masanotti, hand, and having fun is exactly what their crew needed during

"It's wonderful and it's beautheir visit to Saipan. "That's what were interested tiful. To give you an idea how we all feel...I was walking on in and that's what we want to the beach last night and met a do. We want to continue to crelocal family and they just inate a stronger bond and unity vited us off the beach and have not only in the military but eva barbecue with them and we erywhere in the country we repended up spending the whole resent. That's what we're interested in doing, especially with

and the hospitality extended to

the sailors made quite a good

impression on Masanotti and

the rest of the sailors.

day with them."

who is a plankowner, which means he was a member of the crew of USS Momsen when she was placed in commission

The 519-foot USS Momsen has a crew of about 250 and is commanded by CDR Elaine A. Collins. It is home-ported in Everette, Washington where it was commissioned in 2003. (Mark



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By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has certified and approved the over-the-cap salaries of seven personnel at

the Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Public Defender's Office, and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., including for a physician receiving lnos \$200,000 per annum.

The Salary Amendment Act of 1992 sets the salary ceiling for government employees at \$50,000. However, the law gives the governor the authority

a certification to the Legislature.

In separate letters to the House of Representatives and the Senate, the governor approved the \$70,000 annual salary of Wes-

ley Matthew Bogdan, the legal counsel for Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider

The governor also certified the \$73,000 per annum salary of Shelli L. Neal, the chief prosecutor at the Office of the Attorney

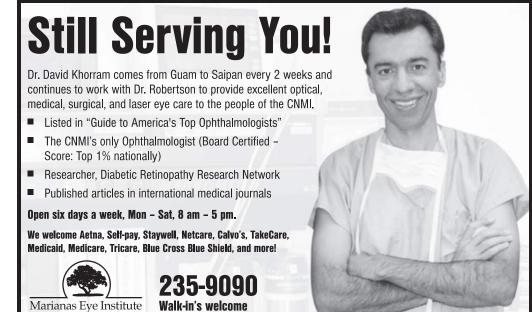
General.

Inos also certified the \$55,000 annual salary of Eden Love Schwartz, assistant public defender at the PDO.

The governor made over-thecap salary certifications for four personnel at CHC.

They include the \$200,000 per annum salary of Dr. Paige Vanier Kreegel, a physician; \$85,000 per annum salary for Sarah Allen, a certified nurse midwife; \$80,000 per annum salary for Lorie Hutchison, a physician assistant; and a \$52,000 annual salary for Chrislaine DLR. Pangelinan, a medical social worker.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber meeting on Wednesday

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its July general membership luncheon meeting this Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at the Pacific Islands Club.

James Nelson, Saipan Docomo Pacific/MCV general manager, will speak to the association on the recent merger between Docomo Pacific and Marianas Cable Vision.

Luncheon begins at 11:30am, with the general membership meeting starting at 12pm and ending at 1pm. Chamber members are charged \$15, while guests and the general public pay \$20.

Call the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office at 233-7150, or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com, to make

advance reservations. (SCC)

Red Cross trainings set

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety training on the following dates:

- July 16 at 6pm: Adult CPR/
- July 18 at 6pm: Pediatric CPR/AED

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Course fees apply. For more information on the courses listed or other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. (ARC)

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on July 8, from 6am to 8am.

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on July 9-11, from 10:30am to 1pm.

The U.S. Marines will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on July 10-12, from 8am to 10pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical-mile radius on all quadrants. *(PR)*

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO A big birthday shoutout from Guam and Saipan to our baby brother, Sage Jerome Lizama Santos aka Ninja Warrior, who celebrated his third birthday on July 6, 2013! May the Lord continue to guide you in every way and may he grant all your wishes and we hope you enjoy your birthday. We hope you like your goodies and gifts and remember that we love you so much. Greetings come from Mommy and Daddy, CraiMar, StanStace, Nish, MarCess, Sus, Shawn, Pepper, and Mani.

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 8, 2005

2,200-plus sign poker initiative petition

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan declared this, after the business group succeeded in its six-day campaign to collect at least 2,080 signatures in support of a petition seeking to place an initiative regulating poker establishments on the November 2005 ballot. At about 4:30pm yesterday, Sablan filed the petition, along with over 2,200 signatures, for certification by the Attorney General's Office. Chamber fell short of its initial target of 2,500 signatures, but collected more than enough signatures to meet the requirement for filing initiative petitions. Only 2,080 signatures, or 20 percent of the total registered voters, are needed for a question to be placed on the ballot.

'Tinian event is about learning from the past'

The Tinian government is all set to hold its much-awaited "peaceful commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the atomic missions to Japan." Phillip M. Long, who chairs the event, said yesterday that there is no doubt about the holding of the event, which will bring together U.S. veterans and atomic bombing survivors on Tinian next month. The intent of the event, he said, is not to stir up controversy or assign blame on either side, but to hear and learn firsthand from the people who were involved during the war.

July 8, 2006

Fund no solid case yet vs govt

The NMI Retirement Fund is still without a solid case against the government, nearly a month after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed three major retirement laws, including one that suspends the central government's monthly payment to the Fund. Fund board chair Joseph Reyes said that lawyers are "still working" on the case. This came as both legal counsels representing the board and the Retirement program went off-island last week for "non-Fund matters." Board legal counsel James Camacho reportedly went to Chuuk, while in-house lawyer James Hollman went on a personal trip to the Philippines.

\$100K sought for fatal curve's rails

Saipan lawmakers have approved funding for the construction of guardrails at the so-called "Fatality Curve" in Puerto Rico. The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation passed a House local bill appropriate \$100,000 for the installation of jersey barriers or guardrails along the 1,000-feet curve at Chalan Pale Arnold Road. The money will come from the developers infrastructure tax fund. The measure identified the secretary of the Department of Public Works as expenditure authority for the funds.

July 8, 2007

Study: NMI kids on high-protein, low calcium diet

After almost two years of research, the Health Pacific Child Project Survey finally completed its analysis and the results show a cause for concern: Children in the CNMI have a very high intake of protein from processed food and a low intake of calcium. Lead researcher Nicky Davison said the "the most striking finding was the very high intake of protein in CNMI children." In the four to nine years old age group, children were found to be consuming four times the recommended level of protein. Besides high protein sources such as meat, eggs, poultry, fish and nuts, children in the CNMI also get their protein from processed food like hotdogs, corned beef and luncheon meat. These processed food contain high levels of sodium and fat, resulting in high dietary intakes of fat and sodium, Davison said.

'NMI has adequate facilities for military support'

A team of U.S. and Japanese military contractors found the Northern Marianas to have adequate facilities to support the military buildup in Guam, according to Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Juan T. Guerrero. "That visit was to assess what we have here. They looked at what type of facilities we have, ports facilities, [and] buildings for construction purposes in Guam. They [contractors] said there's adequate facilities here to support the military construction," said Guerrero in an interview. The Chamber official met last month with the visiting Japanese and U.S. military contractors led by John E. Baggott of Bechtel National.

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Egypt's disastrous coup

gyptian President Mohammed Morsi, a product of the Muslim Brotherhood, acted aggressively to centralize power in his own hands, ignored secular groups with significant popular support and persecuted political opponents. Under his rule, the county's weak economy got worse, while sectarian divisions deepened. By any standard, he has been a rank failure.

But his extralegal removal Wednesday by the armed forces has to be counted as a disaster. Morsi was the first elected president Egypt has ever had, and he lasted barely a year in office. Millions of Egyptians celebrated the sudden military takeover, but it creates far more problems than it solves.

One of the vital things the country lacks is a culture of democracy, which requires compromise and restraint on the part of contending groups. Morsi did little to cultivate that culture, and its absence contributed to the uprising against him.

But overturning the results of a democratic election reaffirms what has so long been true in Egypt, which was once captured well by Chinese dictator Mao Zedong: "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

In announcing the coup, Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi installed an interim president and promised new elections. But what value will they have after this? If the voters' decisions can be undone so easily, what makes anyone think the winner of the next election will be allowed to govern? If Morsi had no right to serve out his term, why would any successor?

The coup does nothing to fix the central result of his tenure an economy afflicted by rising inflation and unemployment. Whoever takes over will face the same challenge to put it on a sound economic course.

Morsi's enemies claim to offer a pathway out of Egypt's growing crisis. But they may soon find themselves at a dead end.

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Egypt's rough road to democracy

ohamed Morsi would probably still be the president of Egypt if he had governed in an inclusive and effective way. It's possible to recognize that fact and still lament the willingness of the Egyptian military to undo the results of a free and fair election that occurred only a year ago.

Morsi, the preferred candidate of the Muslim Brotherhood, was an inept leader who overreached his mandate and presided over a deterioration in the Egyptian economy. He antagonized not only the military—which sees itself as the guarantor of national stability—but also liberal, Christian and secular-minded Egyptians. Two years after crowds massed in cities across the country to demand the ouster of longtime strongman Hosni Mubarak, equally vociferous demonstrators turned out to demand that Morsi step down.

But there was a difference. Mubarak was a self-perpetuating tyrant. Morsi came to office as the result of a legitimate vote of his people. His replacement by an acting president chosen by the armed forces—even if it is followed fairly swiftly by new presidential and parliamentary elections—is a defeat for democracy and constitutional government. Morsi's critics accused the president of betraying the Arab Spring, but so, in their way, did Egypt's generals, even if they acted out of patriotism and a

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The queue

hat English word so dreaded in practice today in China, particularly when a number of people have to access a service that is unregulated without a ticket or a number leaving the situation to deteriorate into a free-for-all first-come first serve basis, was once used to describe the braided hair required of all males during the Qing dynasty. Now it means a line up, not a usual practice at the bus stop, the subway, and the train passenger platforms in China.

I was delighted to get a picture of a Pacific Island waiting room where the relaxed customers lounged in chairs barefoot while their zori, shoes, flip-flops, and sandals were lined up to determine who is next to be served. Ingenious.

It was at the train stop in Xi'an Shaanxi that we realized the wisdom of having acquired a soft bed berth on the train. Having been to Xi'an 23 years before, I decided to step out of our caboose into the platform, if only to breathe the 39C temperature that had many on the platform in their shorts and cutoffs. We had our jacket on to acclimate to the train's air-conditioning.

We noticed that our train cabin was the only uncrowded place. The dining room caboose next to ours was full of passengers who were sold tickets without any seats. It was overflowing with neatly dressed ladies and gentlemen. The University graduates really sold out the run, and then some.

I was once on the bullet train from Harbin to Shenyang, a quick enough jaunt but without a reserved seat. I requisitioned a slit at the end of the cabin where luggage is usually stored, and plunked myself comfortably atop one of the bundles for the 4-hr duration of what normally is an 8-hr run on the regular train. Not bad until the calf cramp kicked in.

Anyway, there were three trains going separate directions at the Xi'an terminal at the time, all full of people, though not quite as classic as a scene of a milk run I took one September '77, between Aurangabad to Mumbai in Maharashtra, India, where children were laid comfortably into the luggage racks, and men climbed up to the roof while the remaining passengers were seated like packed sardines. I could not very well open my mouth then as a foreigner since I blended so nicely with the crowd. Besides, I had no business riding on the cheap wooden economy seats taking away one seat from the locals. So paying the high end of the China rail line run Shenyang-Chengdu turned out to be a smart move.

"Cue" to the French that is "queue" to the Brits was a symbol of fealty to the Qing Dynasty of the Manchus in the three centuries before the current republican dispensation, made a requirement by the imperial house that pretty much decreed its demise, as any highly centralized rule breeds its own internal contradiction. It was only a matter of time before the rest of China took to the scissors and made cutting the braid an alternative patriotic act.

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Thus, it came as a pleasant surprise to see a young man sporting the hairstyle though without shaving halfway from mid-skull to the forehead. Still, the fashion statement was clearly an assertion of one's Chinese-ness, and properly so in Xi'an, one of the four ancient cradle cities of the people of the Han and China.

When we were last in Xi'an, on a November after the May Tis-

When we were last in Xi'an, on a November after the May Tiananmen incident of 1989, only the Pagoda tower, a Tang dynasty's imperial tomb, and the bell towers were in the tourist list to see. The main draw was Qin Shi Huang's Terracotta Army in his tomb. The primary hotel for foreigners then was the tallest building in Xi'an, aka, old *Fenghao* by the Wei river (a portion of the Yellow River, the *Huang he*, that deposit yellow loess (rich silt) in lower Shaanxi and downriver to Henan and Hebei.

Xi'an was mostly known as *Chang'an*, an imperial capital before Beijing took the honors. The hotel staff members were mostly Filipinos as elitist Chinese in '89 still thought it demeaning to work as a "servant" in a hotel. Manila by then offered tourism management as a degree. The Sino apparatchik, of course, warned us not to wander outside the hotel, and the mostly rugged individualists in the tour group did the opposite. That's how we wandered into the lively Muslim night street market where our *wai hui* (¥ for foreigners) was exchangeable to the renminbi (the ¥ for locals).

Our nostalgic reminiscing in Xi'an was short-lived. The train took only 15 minutes to efficiently discharge passengers and welcome incoming ones.

We looked from the train at the new skyline. This city strategically situated between the arid land of Ganzu and the mountains of Sichuan in the Guanzhong plains, was renamed Xijing in 1931 (xi = west, bei = north, dong = east, nan = south, and jing = city; Dongjing being Tokyo but that will have to wait another telling) until it reverted back to its current name, Xi'an, literally meaning "Western Peace." Samsung now manufactures electronics in city, and incoming passengers were noticeably transacting their business on tablets and cellphones. I, at one time on the cutting edge of technology with email and the laptop, suddenly felt a lao ye (grandpa) of my Chicago grandson.

We quickly queued our sentiments into slumber land, and called it a day.

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Age of international impotence

hen the absurd overwhelms the daily news list, I'd

turn to the humor channel or cartoon to ease my mind or seek some semblance of sanity.

Funny how the butterfly (Edward Snowden) flew all over the globe yelling, "Mr. O, over here...over here...over there...everywhere!" He disappears instantly as Obama snaps his holster going for his lethal gun to level the globe's new clown. He wasn't laughing either.

Mr. O knows it doesn't look good when the most powerful man in the world can't get his hands on one of the most wanted men in the world. China and Russia's indifference didn't help any. Perhaps this is the new Age of American International Impotence.

The Obama gaffes leave many intellectuals (liberals and conservatives) pondering what lies ahead in our relationship with the global community. Incredible: no peace, no peace process, no ally, no leverage and no moral standing, all in a single stroke, according to a nationally syndicated columnist.

Said Sen. Lindsey Graham, "Friends no longer trust us and our enemies are fearless too." It's the Age of American Impotence hatched by Mr. O.

Obama tries his usual routine pulling an issue out of a bag of tired tricks to defuse national humiliation. This time he picked a very exciting topic: Climate change. Nobody's listening!

The traditional rivals of the U.S. have even seemed to enjoy the Obama administration's distress, with Russian President Vladimir Putin declaring Mr. Snowden "a free man" Tuesday and openly refusing to comply with the U.S. request.

The episode is making the U.S. look weak in the eyes of Russia and China, said Leon Aron, a foreign-policy specialist at the conservative-leaning American Enterprise Institute.

"From the point of view of the Russians and the Chinese, definitely," Mr. Aron said. "In their systems, legitimacy comes from being treated with fear and respect. And clearly, they're choosing not to treat the United States that way."

Asked what options the Obama administration has with Russia, Mr. Aron said simply, "None. Russia is in no hurry."

Mr. Obama's foreign policy is based on a "pivot" toward Asia and a "reset" of U.S. relations with Russia, but the failure of China and Russia to cooperate on Mr. Snowden underscores the limits of the president's power. The refusals of Beijing and Moscow came within weeks of Mr. Obama holding one-on-one talks separately with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin on other matters.

Not only has the Obama administration been relegated to expressing its frustration with China and assuring Moscow it doesn't want a confrontation, but it's had to endure barbs from the foreign governments as well. China's top state newspaper praised Mr. Snowden for "tearing off Washington's sanctimonious mask" and ridiculed the U.S. for hypocrisy when it comes to personal freedoms.

"The United States has gone from a 'model of human rights' to 'an eavesdropper on personal privacy,' the 'manipulator' of the centralized power over the international Internet, and the mad 'invader' of other countries' networks," the *People's Daily* said.

Sen. John McCain, a frequent critic of Mr. Obama's foreign policy, said the Snowden case is the latest in a series of incidents that show growing U.S. weakness abroad.

"For nearly five years now we have sent a signal to the world that we're leading from behind, that we are impotent, that we don't act when we say that we're going to," Mr. McCain, an Arizona Republican, told CNBC on Tuesday.

James Lewis, a national-security specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said the Obama administration has lost face on the global stage over the episode.

"It's really embarrassing," Mr. Lewis said. "There's got to be some effect on U.S. reputation. Here's NSA, one of the premier in-

EGYPT

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desire to restore order.

For the United States, the convulsions in Egypt posed a perplexing dilemma. This country sees itself as a champion of democracy, and as recently as April the U.S. ambassador to Egypt publicly said that "military intervention is not the answer" to Egypt's political crisis. But Egypt is an ally in the Middle East, and there are close ties between the U.S. military and the Egyptian armed forces.

Given the strategic importance of Egypt, the United States must deal with whoever is in charge of that country. But it shouldn't pretend that what has just happened in Egypt is anything but a setback for democracy.

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telligence agencies, and a high-school dropout is able to remove this stuff on a thumb drive. And then there's a larger political agenda that [Russia] will take advantage of."

Perhaps Russia's Putin must have seen the movie classic Gone with the Wind, for he seemed to have silently told Mr. O, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn!" This sentiment echoes loudly across the global community, much to our embarrassment. In my book, Snowden is a hero for exposing how the federal agencies have abused our constitutional rights for its own political purposes.

Washington's wild spending spree

A nationally syndicated columnist advised it's never a good idea to give money to the crowd in Washington. "They have no incentive to behave in a prudent fashion." He noted that their spending habits remind him of wise words of advice from the late Milton Friedman, a famous national economist: There are four ways to spend money.

- "1. You can spend your own money on yourself. When you do that, you really watch out for what you're doing, and you try to get the most for your money.
- "2. Then you can spend your own money on somebody else. For example, I buy a birthday present for someone. Well then, I'm not so careful about the content of the present, but I'm very careful about the cost.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

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"3. Then, I can spend somebody else's money on myself. And if I spend somebody else's money on myself, then I'm going to have a good lunch!

"4. Finally, I can spend somebody else's money on somebody else. And if I spend somebody else's money on somebody else, I'm not concerned about how much it costs, and I'm not concerned about what I get.

"And that's government. And that's close to 40 percent of our national income.

"P.S. But don't forget that the bloated government Friedman warns us about also is the major source and cause of corruption in Washington."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DPW Adios Project

A few months ago I was silently praising those responsible for planting flowers at the San Jose intersection by Microl. Everyone likes green colorful medians. This is what one expects to see on Saipan. I learned it is what the mayor calls "the Hafa Adai Project." Now, I am writing to protest the concrete capping of the medians by a rogue agency, DPW, which has chosen to ignore the difference between Saipan and Guam. By rogue, I mean that DPW has chosen to act on its own, ignoring the Tourism Task Force for the beautification of the island, travel agents, and the Marianas Visitors Authority. Moreover, DPW is expending and wasting considerable resources in time, money, labor, and materials to conduct their misguided, poorly planned concrete operation to make the island ugly. Let's call this the "DPW Adios Project": Say goodbye to all the tourists. Instead of "Beautify CNMI," we now have DPW despoiling the CNMI in the face of years of beautification efforts.

I applaud Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores and the Marianas Visitors Authority for speaking out against this attack; it is against the very nature of what makes Saipan different. Saipan is a beautiful island in the Pacific Ocean. Can anyone say the same for Guam? I have nothing against Guam; it is just that Saipan was and should remain beautiful as a place to live; and to help tourism, which is now one of the keystones to the CNMI economy. Before this con-

crete median fiasco, it always struck me as wondrous how Saipan actually went out of its way to be more than just another concrete jungle like Guam. I would like to stand with Mayor Flores in taking a jackhammer to the capped medians in front of Saipan World Resort in Susupe, Hopwood Junior High School in Chalan Piao, and soon the T-intersection at the end of Middle Road. Stop the concrete before it is too late.

Maintaining good-looking medians should not cost much. In fact, it would cost a lot less than putting them in concrete. There are several options. Given the proper groundcovers, maintenance can be kept to a minimum. Fred D. Rauch from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) wrote a paper in 1985 titled, *Groundcovers for Warm Climates*. Also, CTAHR has publications on mulches: *Weed Control Options in Landscape Beds and Groundcovers* Jay Deputy and Joe DeFrank, Department of Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences. In this publication, it talks about using black plastic mulch along with mulching materials like ironwood needles. The point is there are good options and the medians do not require concrete. Concrete is the Adios Project option.

Perhaps, to keep Saipan beautiful, DPW could work with the Mayor's Office, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and Northern Marianas College-CREES to use groundcovers and mulches to control the weeds and improve our island by making it more attractive by planting trees and flowers.

Ken Kramer

Gualo Rai, Saipan

What we have done and failed to do

The rain this 4th reminded me that it seems to rain every 4th and then I thought about why. I have often had to remind myself and even tell people who are facing adversity that "God is in this too," as we view God as being involved in everything associated with life on Planet Earth. I'm saying this because it dawned on me that maybe some of the suffering the CNMI is experiencing is really a result of people's wrongdoing, especially for the fraud that was perpetrated on the American government.

The CNMI joined the U. S. under false pretenses, which was to reap the benefits of the American family but with no intent to shoulder the *full* burdens and responsibilities of being Americans. The ideology of "segregation of rights" (locals v other U.S. citizens) among people who are supposed to be *equal* is a direct page from the Jim Crow era in American history. The idea that the CNMI can pick and choose to adopt some of the principles and values of America and ignore others is hypocritical in its very nature and it will never work. So maybe, a people who are willing to promote discrimination among its citizens is getting exactly what it deserves with these bad economic times.

Is God exercising his vengeance on the governor and the CNMI for what he/we have done and what we have failed to do? The CNMI's leaders have continued to lead down a path of segregation in rights, making laws for aliens and locals but nothing to help mainland citizens, promoting a special status in the American family to get millions but does not pay federal taxes and is downright resentful toward our fathers in Washington on too many issues—and we wonder why we are suffering. The saddest thing is that many local families are watching their

children go off to the military to fight and even die trying to help *other* people in other countries gain their freedom, equality and a democratic government and yet some people in the CNMI dishonor them and their service by promoting dual citizenship with unequal rights in the CNMI. God ain't sleeping and it is clear what we are doing is wrong and we continue to fail to fix this atrocity of equality among citizens. It is a disgrace and extremely disrespectful to the local soldiers and fallen heroes for the NMDs to continue their outlandish attacks on the principle of equality when the CNMI's very own are dying for other people to have equality! Given what we are doing and failing to do, it stands to reason why we are suffering, as freedom isn't free and neither is equality.

The discrimination in rights among citizens is out front, as the CNMI is a place where only locals can hold public office. The CNMI is fighting the hand (feds) that feeds us the most at every turn. The CNMI is a place where social and economic prosperity is not being pursued for the people but being dictated largely by many in the business community—not a people's government anymore. So if you are wondering why we are having it so bad, consider what we say in Mass when asking God to forgive us: For what we have done and what we have failed to do. The CNMI must stop this discrimination among citizens, work more constructively with the feds, and most of all, our leaders need to start listening to and working more for the people!

Ambrose M Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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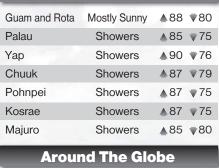
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Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
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Grant applications sought to improve educational and healthcare services

TIYAN, Guam—State Director for USDA Rural Development Chris Kanazawa said Friday that USDA is accepting applications for grants to provide access to education, training and healthcare resources in rural areas. Funding is authorized through USDA's Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

"This program offers the opportunity to connect isolated communities in the Western Pacific to medical services and educational opportunities they would not otherwise have," said Kanazawa. "Our focus is to ensure that all rural Americans have access to state-of-the-art services through our rapidly expanding telecommunications system."

Under this notice, USDA may provide up to \$17.5 million in grants. Funds can be used to buy equipment and provide technical assistance. To be eligible, applicants must serve a rural area, demonstrate economic need, and provide at least 15 percent in matching funds. Awards range up to \$500,000. In 2012, USDA Rural Development provided 58 DLT grants for projects in 36 states. Since the program began, 1,400 projects have been funded.

Previously, USDA Rural De-

velopment awarded the University of Guam with a \$168,850 DLT Grant to expand medical services available for children in Yap, Chuuk, and Pohnpei through a telemedicine system involving UOG's PEACESAT network and Shriner's Hospital for Children in Honolulu. The project is utilizing the videoconferencing technology for "real time" consultation and continuing medical education. Also, the College of the Marshall Islands received a \$147,904 grant to extend distance learning opportunities via teleconferencing to its satellite campuses in Arrak and Ebeye.

"We are committed to the future of rural communities in the Western Pacific and we will continue to support the expansion of telecommunications, educational resources and computer networks throughout the region," stated Joe Diego, Area Director in Guam. "Distance learning and telemedicine are two ways that technology can make a major impact in the quality of life for residents in the Western Pacific."

Completed applications must be received by Aug. 12, 2013. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the notice published on page 38915 of

the June 28, 2013 Federal Register: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-06-28/html/2013-15597.htm.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities. businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of Federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a portfolio of programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. (USDA)



WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE



Your 2012 CUC Annual Water Quality Report is now available on-line!

Please go to http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/CCR-2012.pdf to view what contaminants were detected in your water In 2012 and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

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GUMUAHA RIPOT PÅ'GU

I iyom-mu 2012 CUC Annual na Ripot Kuålidåt Hånum esta på'gu gumuaha gi on-line!

Put fabot hånåo para i http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/CCR-2012.pdf para u ma'atan håfa na contaminants manmasodda' gi halum hanom-mu gi 2012 yan para un tungu' mås put i hanum magimin. Esti na ripot ha sasahguan siha manimopttånti na imfotmasion put i source yan kuålidåt i hanum magimin.

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2013-2014 Application For Free School Meals is now available at all public schools and at the Public School System FNS Office

PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Food and Nutrition Services Program today announced its policy for children *unable* to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.

Meal prices for the 2013-2014 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students may buy a subsidized school breakfast for \$0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for \$2.00 at elementary schools and \$2.50 at secondary schools. Students may purchase a school lunch for \$0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$3.10 at elementary schools and \$3.65 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Food and Nutrition Office and are being sent to all public schools with a notice to parents or guardians. Applications are available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School as well. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Food and Nutrition Services office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The application can be downloaded from the PSS website at http://www.cnmipss.org/?page_id=213.

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a valid food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name, list his/her social security number, and return the application to the school office. If *any* student listed does not have a valid food stamp number, then the entire application must be completed with accompanying income verification documents.

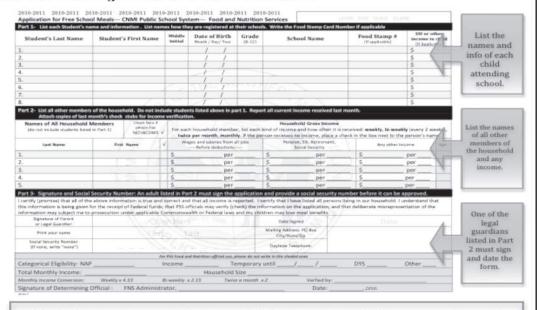
For the school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, SSI, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the two-most recent check stubs must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Food and Nutrition Services Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Food and Nutrition Services Program Manager located in government house 1251 located on Capital Hill, Saipan.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the FNS Office. Such changes may make the household eligible for free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free school meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the FNS office for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status only to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.



2013-2014 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

<u>Household</u> Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
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1	\$ 14,937	\$ 1,245	\$ 623	\$ 575	\$ 288
2	20,163	1,681	841	776	388
3	25,389	2,116	1,058	977	489
4	30,615	2,552	1,276	1,178	589
5	35,841	2,987	1,494	1,379	690
6	41,067	3,423	1,712	1,580	790
7	46,293	3,858	1,929	1,781	891
8	51,519	4,294	2,147	1,982	991
Add'l member, Add	+ 5,226	+ 436	+ 218	+ 201	+ 101

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

Children determined eligible for free meals last school year will receive free meals for up to 30 days after the opening of school on September 3, 2013. To avoid delays in free school meal services due to processing, all applications should be completed and submitted to PSS FNS before September 20, 2013.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS FNS office can be reached on Saipan: 664-3901 / 3902 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042

Participants of Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's "Dig Into Reading" Summer Program got a timely lesson about why Saipan celebrates Liberation Day instead of only the Fourth July holiday during a field trip to the American Memorial Park Visitors Center last Friday.

A day after Liberation Day, several dozen children enrolled in the library's "Dig Into Reading" program boarded school buses provided by the Public School System for the short hop to the memorial park.

AmeriCorps volunteers and library staff, led by Children's Library associate Erlinda Naputi, accompanied the children.

Park Ranger Susan Fishman-Tudor welcomed the children to the Visitors Center and had them watch An Island Called Saipan at the facility's theater.

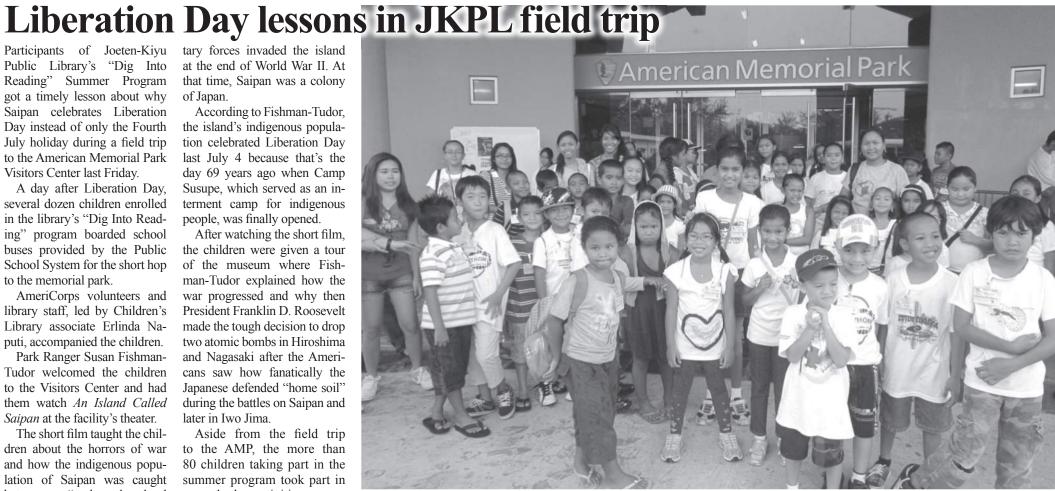
The short film taught the children about the horrors of war and how the indigenous population of Saipan was caught between a "rock and a hard place"-as Fishman-Tudor described it-when the U.S. military forces invaded the island at the end of World War II. At that time, Saipan was a colony of Japan.

According to Fishman-Tudor, the island's indigenous population celebrated Liberation Day last July 4 because that's the day 69 years ago when Camp Susupe, which served as an interment camp for indigenous people, was finally opened.

After watching the short film, the children were given a tour of the museum where Fishman-Tudor explained how the war progressed and why then President Franklin D. Roosevelt made the tough decision to drop two atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki after the Americans saw how fanatically the Japanese defended "home soil" during the battles on Saipan and later in Iwo Jima.

Aside from the field trip to the AMP, the more than 80 children taking part in the summer program took part in several other activities.

Naputi said the children listened to stories on pirates



Participants of Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's "Dig Into Reading" Summer Program pose in front of the American Memorial Park Visitors Center after their field trip last Friday.



read by AmeriCorps and other volunteers and also did pirate crafts using pipe cleaners last Tuesday.

> On Wednesday, participants watched the movie Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffleys's Journal.

> Thursday was an off day because of the Liberation Day holiday and the children wrapped up the week on Saturday by taking part in a beadmaking workshop. They also learned how to weave a basket

MARK RABAGO

Park Ranger Susan Fishman-Tudor explains to older grade participants of the summer program the horrors brought by World War Il during a tour of the museum.

using old newspapers.

Naputi said next week's activities, include read aloud and crafts on Tuesday. Wednesday will feature Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules. The JKPL then welcomes Coastal Resources Management's Nicole Shafer on Thursday and on Friday the children will go on a field trip to the CNMI Museum.

JKPL's "Dig Into Reading" summer program has been ongoing since 2006.

The program's sponsors are Joeten Ace Hardware; Aqua Resort Club, Chong's Corp., Coca-Coca of Saipan, D&Q, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Horizons, JET Holdings Co., Mc-Donald's Saipan, Megabyte,

National Office Supply, Pacific Islands Club, Subway, World Resort Saipan, IP&E, Taco Bell, Bridge Capital, JCT Enterprises, and Sandcastle.

The 2013 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through young adults, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, cultural activities, a reading club, and more.

For more information, visit JKPL during its regular hours, Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 6pm, and Saturday from 9am to 4 pm. The library is closed on Sunday, Monday and holidays. Call the library at 235-7316 or 7322 or visit its website, http://www.cnmilibrary.com. (Mark Rabago)



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island Coastal Resources Management

Box 10007, Behind Department of Public Safety au of Motor Vehicle, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT NOTICE OF MEETING

CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Floy S, Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 09, 2013, at 10:00 A.M. at the CRM Office located behind the Department of Public Safety Bureau of Motor Vehicle in Susupe.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

a) Call to Order b) Roll Call

PERMIT APPLICATION TASI HOMES DEVELOPMENT - CRM PERMIT NO. SMS-2013-X-031

Permit Application Summary

b. Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO

Permit Application Status KALABERA CAVE DEVELOPMENT - CRM PERMIT NO. SMS-2013-X-049

Permit Application Summary

Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO Permit Application Status

III. OTHER MATTERS

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive

/s/ ANA C. AGULTO Acting Administrator



COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF INTEROPERABLE PORTABLE RADIOS **ACCESSORIES AND BASE STATION**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CPA-RFP-009-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting cost proposal for the procurement and delivery of interoperable radios, accessories and base station for its Seaport Operation.

The location and scope of work package is available beginning June 24, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Procurement and Delivery of Interoperable Portable Radios, Accessories, and Base Station-CPA-RFP-009-13." One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, July 29, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best

Funding for this procurement is made possible by the 2011 Port Security Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ BENIGNO M. SABLAN Acting Chairman/Contracting Officer



LAW REVISION COMMISSION

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands JUDICIAL BRANCH

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Public Notice SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 12:00 p.m. Commonwealth Law Revision Commission Office House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe Susupe, Saipan

Agenda

- a. Call to Order and Roll Call
- b. Introductions
- c. Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Government Act, 1 CMC § 9901 et seq.)
- d. Final Approval of December 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

2. Executive Director's Report

- a. 2013 Products
- b. Law Enforcement Officer Manual
- c. FY 2014 Budget
- d. Sale Items

3. Old Business a. Website Development

- b. Coordination re: Commonwealth Register
- c. Draft Legislation

4. New Business

- a. Professional Services
- b. Coordination re: Public Laws
- c. Personnel Matters
- 5. Other Business
- 6. Tentative Date for Next Meeting and Adjournment

Historic march for CNMI soldiers in Afghanistan

By Sgt. EDWARD SIGUENZA

CAMP EGGERS, Afghanistan-Far, far away, there is a league of islands praising its sons and daughters for something never done before.

Sixteen soldiers from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), members of the Guam Army National Guard's 1-294th Infantry Regiment, embarked on a historic quest four months ago. Just as the Guam Guard makes history on its Operation Enduring Freedom mission, so do these 16, for another purpose.

They're among roughly 600 island warriors dispersed throughout Afghanistan, supporting the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan's role in training, advising and assisting Afghan security forces. Yet, they come from an even smaller population, from the CNMI islands of Saipan and Tinian.

"We are all Guam National Guardsmen. We eat, sleep and fight together," said Command Sgt. Maj. Mel Hennegan, Task Force Guam's command sergeant major. "We're all a part of the battalion no matter where we're from."

The islanders' history with the Guam National Guard began after a 2009 recruiting program in the Northern Mariana Islands. In 2010, about 25 CNMI citizens enlisted into the Guam Guard. They maintain residence in the CNMI, but take an approximately 30-minute flight to Guam for monthly training.

Of those 25, 16 are now in Afghanistan, each making their first active duty deployments. The majority are in their 20s; one is an officer. Task Force Guam mobilized in March, but didn't land on Afghan soil until April.

"This is something very honorable for them. They're taking it upon themselves to seek a better life," said 1st Lt. Joey Togawa, executive officer, Charlie Company, Task Force Guam and San Vicente, Saipan resident. "All of them want to do the right thing out here. Not just for the people here, but for their families at home.'

Togawa joins 13 others from Saipan. Two Guardsmen-Spcs. Hainy Borja and Ken "Mojo" Mojica—are from Tinian, an island with a population of about 3,000. Togawa was born on Guam but moved permanently to Saipan for his civilian employment.

Not all CNMI residents deployed. Some remained as members of other Guam Guard units, including logistics, communication and the 721st Army Band.

To add to this group's history, there's a father-daughter combination aboard. Spc. Ivan Igitol and his daughter, Brittney, also a specialist, are united in heart but separated in distance. Ivan runs missions out of Camp Eg-



ARMY NATIONAL GUARD/SGT. EDDIE SIGUENZA

Spc. Ken "Mojo" Mojica is a member of Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1-294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, and a resident of of the island of Tinian. He's part of a group of 16 from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands participating in an historic Operation Enduring Freedom

gers, while Brittney is based at Kandahar, approximately 300

"The way we see it, we're from the CNMI but we're part of the Guam Guard. We carry the [Guam] patch," said Igitol, 48. of As Matuis, Saipan, "We know we represent Guam, but we're representing the CNMI as well. Guam will always be a part of us."

The senior Igitol serves as a mission coordinator. He tracks soldier movement for Task Force Guam throughout Afghanistan

The 16 soldiers form the largest group of reservists to ever deploy from the CNMI. Of them, four are women: Spc. Tiffany Santos, Spc. Rita Taitano, Spc. Delorina Rabauliman and the younger Igitol.

Fifteen islands make up the CNMI, but only three—Saipan, United States.

Tinian and Rota—are permanently inhabited. Based on the 2010 census, the Commonwealth has a population of 53,883. In comparison, the software company Microsoft employs about 91,000 worldwide, almost 60,000 just in the

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS

CONSTRUCTION OF 300K GALLON TANK REPLACEMENT FOR PAPAGO TANK

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of a 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

The selected firm shall have experience in construction and design of pre-stressed concrete and or welded steel water storage tanks. The work consists of demolition of the existing glass-fused, steel bolted 0.50 million gallon tank and its foundation; construction of the new 300K gallon tank as per approved design, foundation, tank appurtenances, and yard piping and connections.

The project is to be completed in 300 calendar days from date of contract award.

The Bid Tender Documents may be secured, upon receipt of payment by the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card of \$100.00. The payment is non-refundable. The payment receipt shall be presented to the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on July 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Safety & Compliance Conference Room, 3rd Floor,

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This Invitation for Bids and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-021, Construction of 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 6, 2013, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid ndition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Insufficient copies of bid submitted can be subject to technical default and rejection of bid.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) and a Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. For the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract, the Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

All insurer questions, concerns and qualification shall be governed by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissoloner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Section 002113 - Instructions to Bidders.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2013 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Water/Wastewater, Chief Engineer via email john.riegel@cucgov.org & Christi Lazaro, Water Division Assistant Engineer via email Christi.lazaro@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth utilities Corporation.

ALAN FLETCHER

nerstones of this Pacific region during World War II. Japan's occupation of the islands brought U.S. forces to this region. The U.S. recaptured Guam July 21, 1944, then regained Saipan and Tinian days later. Tinian provided the launching point for the famous *Enola Gay*, the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945.

"We're out here doing what we have to do. We're going to get the mission done and go back home," said Spc. Nathaniel Mateo, 22, of Garapan, Saipan. "We just have to do our missions right. Just do what we've learned.'

Mateo is a driver for Charlie Company. He's already run countless missions in a short time. On his driving experienc-

lands, Guam included, were cor- es throughout Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, Mateo explained, "It's crowded, crowded, crowded. They don't have traffic like this back home."

As historic as this is, says Togawa, the group isn't concerned so much about that. They're concentrating on the mission at hand. They understand the dangers of this deployment and are fulfilling their responsibilities accordingly.

"Our soldiers know they need to stay focused out here," Togawa said. "I have a lot of respect for them for their sacrifices. They want to be part of something bigger than themselves, and make a difference for their island. They could be sitting at home and going nowhere."

Right now, they're marching into history.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM P.O. BOX 501370 SAIPAN, MP 96950



PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary

- 1) Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes a) June 11, 2013 Special Board Meeting
- b) June 26, 2013 Special Board Meeting

II. Public Comments

III. Reports

- 2) Board Committees a) CIP
 - b) FPA
 - c) ISA

 - Student Issues, Community and Parent Programs (SICPP) f) AD HOC on Joint BOE-NMC BOR
- 3) Commissioner of Education
- a) Financial Status Reports
 - (1) Federal
 - (2) Local
 - b) Head Start Program Update
 - c) Other matters

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

- Supplemental Grant Application for Head Start Program
- Consolidated Grant SY 2013-2014
- One Laptop Per Student Initiative Report and Recommendation
- New Sustainable Energy Grant Compact Impact Education Supplemental
- Grant & Proposed use of funds
- Middle School Plan (School Resources & Budget) Board Regulation 60-20-412 Entrance Age
- Transfer Credits from non PSS schools
- 9. Board Regulation 60-20-436 Ceremonies and Awards
- 10. Proposed CIP Plans and Projects in Budget of FY 2014
- 11. CIP Projects on the Water rehabilitation
- 12. PSS Shovel Ready projects to the CNMI Governor

VI. Executive Session

- 1) Legal Updates
- 2) Personnel
- 3) Other matters

VII. Administrative Matters

- 1) Certification & Licensure Matters
 - a. Endorsement of Certification & Licensure Office Recommendations
 - 1. Basic I
 - 2. Basic II
 - 3. Standard with Endorsement
 - 4. Standard without Endorsement (renewal)
 - 5. Professional

VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

IX. Adjournment

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Business

Obama's health law will be judged on three questions

WASHINGTON (AP)—Three months before uninsured people can start shopping for coverage, some big unknowns loom over President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

The surprise announcement this past week that the White House is delaying a requirement that many employers offer coverage raised questions about other major parts of the biggest expansion of society's safety net since Medicare nearly 50 years ago.

One delay may not matter much in the end. People will judge Obama's law on three main points: premiums, choice and the overall consumer experience.

Only partial answers can be gleaned now, and they don't necessarily fall along predictable lines.

Basic economics suggests premiums will be higher than what many people who buy their own coverage pay now, especially the young and healthy. The new policies provide better benefits, and starting next year, insurers won't be able to turn away the sick. But the pocketbook impact

will be eased by new tax credits and other features that people soon will discover.

As for choice, Obama's plan isn't likely to deliver the dozens of options available to seniors through Medicare. But limited choices may not be seen as a step backward because in most states the individual health insurance market is now dominated by a single insurer.

The consumer experience shopping online for insurance remains the biggest unknown—and a risk.

Squads of technology experts—federal, state, insurer and contractor employees—are trying mesh government and private computer systems together in ways that haven't been tried before. It may not feel like Amazon.com. Many people could default to enrolling the low-tech way, through call centers or even through the mail.

Health care politics divided the nation even before the passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010, and the law's full implementation four years later is shaping up as a tale of the long run, Leavitt said rece be millions of performance of whom are the long run, Leavitt said rece be millions of performance and those who have the long run, Leavitt said rece be millions of performance and those who have the long run, Leavitt said rece be millions of performance and those who have the long run, Leavitt said rece be millions of performance and the long run, leavitt said rece be millions of performance and the long run, leavitt said rece be millions of performance and leavitt said rece be millions of performance and le

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The rollout might go well in mostly Democratic states that prepared, while it clatters and clunks in mainly Republican ones that resisted Obama's law. Millions of poor people will be denied coverage next year because they live in states that are refusing the law's Medicaid expansion. But most workers now covered on the job should not see major changes.

With political strategists already honing health care attack lines for next year's congressional elections, a former U.S. health secretary has an admonition for both parties. Mike Leavitt put in place the Medicare prescription drug plan for President George W. Bush in 2006 and now heads a consulting firm that advises states on Obama's law.

"It's important for all of us to remember that it's not political parties who are affected in the long run, it's people," Leavitt said recently. "It will be millions of people ... many of whom are the less fortunate, and those who have dramatic health problems."

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Fire crews work the crash site of Asiana Flight 214 at San Francisco International Airport in San Francisco, Saturday, July 6, 2013.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—

the plane went silent before

An Asiana Airlines flight packed with more than 300 people slammed onto the runway while landing at San Francisco airport Saturday and caught fire, forcing many to escape by sliding down the emergency inflatable slides and into a trail of metal debris as flames tore through the plane.

At least two people who were found outside the wreckage died in the crash, while another 182 people were taken to hospitals, many with minor injuries, authorities said. Fortynine people were reported to be in critical condition, San Francisco International Airport spokesman Doug Yakel said.

As the plane approached the runway from the waters of San Francisco Bay around noon, travelers in the terminals and others eyewitnesses could see that the aircraft was swaying unusually from side to side and that at one point the tail seemed to hit the ground before breaking off.

Kate Belding, who was jogging a few miles away, said she thought: "Oh my God. That plane is crashing."

By the time the flames were out, much of the top of the Boeing 777's fuselage had burned away. The tail section was gone, with pieces of it scattered across the beginning of the runway. One engine appeared to have broken away. Emergency responders could be seen walking inside the burned-out wreckage.

News of the crash spread quickly on Twitter and the Internet in this wired city, with eyewitnesses tweeting their stories, posting images of the CALIF.

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San Francisco

Pacific Ocean

Boeing 777 operated by South Korean airline Asiana crashes

Nation

2 dead in SF crash found outside jet

Source: ESRI, AP

plumes of smoke rising above the bay and uploading video of passengers fleeing the burning plane.

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while landing at San

Francisco airport

"It just looked really bad," Belding said. "I've seen the pictures of it since then, and it's amazing anyone walked out of that plane."

The investigation has been turned over to the FBI and terrorism has been ruled out, San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White said. Federal aviation and transportation investigators were heading to the scene. Asiana, Boeing and the engine manufacturer, Pratt & Whitney, pledged to work with them.

Vedpal Singh, who was sitting in the middle of the aircraft and survived the crash with his family, said there was no forewarning from the pilot or any crew members before the plane touched down hard and he heard a loud sound.

"We knew something was horrible wrong," said Singh, who suffered a fractured collarbone and had his arm in a sling.

"It's miraculous we survived," he said.

A visibly shaken Singh said

the plane went silent before people tried to get out anyway they could. His 15-yearold son said luggage tumbled from the overhead bins The entire incident lasted about 10 seconds.

Another passenger, Benjamin Levy, 39, said it looked to him that the plane was flying too low and too close to the bay as it approached the runway. Levy, who was sitting in an emergency exit row, said he felt the pilot try to lift the jet up before it crashed, and thinks the maneuver might have saved some lives.

"Everybody was screaming. I was trying to usher them out," he recalled of the first seconds after the landing. "I said, 'Stay calm, stop screaming, help each other out, don't push.""

Hayes-White said she did not know the ages or genders of the people who died, but said they were found on "the exterior" of the plane. She said the 307 passengers and crew members had been aboard had been accounted for following several hours of confusion during which authorities said they were unsure of the whereabouts of more than 60 people who, as it turned out, had been evacuated to a different area of the airport.

Based on witness accounts in the news and video of the wreckage, Mike Barr, a former military pilot and accident investigator who teaches aviation safety at the University of Southern California, said it appeared the plane approached the runway too low and something may have caught the runway lip—the seawall at the end of the runway.

US economy adds 195K jobs; unemployment 7.6 pct.

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. employers are sending a message of confidence in the economy—hiring more workers, raising pay and making the job market appear strong enough for the Federal Reserve to slow its bond purchases as early as September.

The economy gained a robust 195,000 jobs in June and many more in April and May than previously thought. The unemployment rate remained 7.6 percent in June because more people started looking for jobs—a healthy sign—and some didn't find them. The government doesn't count people as unemployed unless they're looking for work.

The Labor Department's report Friday pointed to a U.S. job market that's showing surprising resilience in the face of tax increases, federal spending cuts and economic weakness overseas. Employers have added an average 202,000 jobs for the past six months, up from 180,000 in the previous six.

The job growth is being fueled in part by consumer spending and the housing recovery. Consumer confidence has reached a 5 1/2 year high and is helping drive up sales of homes and cars. Hiring was especially strong in June among retailers, hotels, restaurants, construction companies and financial services firms.



In this Monday, June 24, 2013, photo, a job seeker gets her resume critiqued at a career fair, in King of Prussia, Pa.

"The numbers that we're seeing are more sustainable than we thought," said Paul Edelstein, U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight, a forecasting firm. "We're seeing better job numbers, the stock market is increasing and home prices are rising."

Average pay also rose sharply last month. It's exceeded inflation this year after barely keeping pace since the Great Recession ended four years ago. Average hourly pay rose 10 cents in June to \$24.01. Over the past 12 months, it's risen 2.2 percent. Over the same period, consumer prices have increased 1.4 percent.

Stocks surged Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 147 points, nearly 1 percent. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note soared to

2.73 percent, its highest point since August 2011, from 2.51 percent late Wednesday. That's a sign that investors think the economy is improving and that the Fed will slow its bond buying this year. If it did, long-term rates would likely rise.

Among the employers benefiting from Americans' continued willingness to spend is Carlisle Wide Plank Floors, based in Stoddard, N.H. Carlisle makes hardwood flooring used in stores, restaurants and hotels. CEO Michael Stanek said orders jumped 30 percent in the first quarter compared with a year earlier.

The company is hiring factory, sales and administrative employees to meet the higher demand. Carlisle expects to add about 15 employees this year to its 85-person workforce.

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World

30 killed in school attack in northeast Nigeria

POTISKUM, Nigeria (AP)— Islamic militants attacked a boarding school before dawn Saturday, dousing a dormitory in fuel and lighting it ablaze as students slept, survivors said. At least 30 people were killed in the deadliest attack vet on schools in Nigeria's embattled northeast.

Authorities blamed the violence on Boko Haram, a radical group whose name means "Western education is sacrilege." The militants have been behind a series of recent attacks on schools in the region, including one in which gunmen opened fire on children taking exams in a classroom.

"We were sleeping when we heard gunshots. When I woke up, someone was pointing a gun at me," Musa Hassan, 15, told The Associated Press of the assault on Government Secondary School in Mamudo village in Yobe state.

Egypt's new president asserts authority

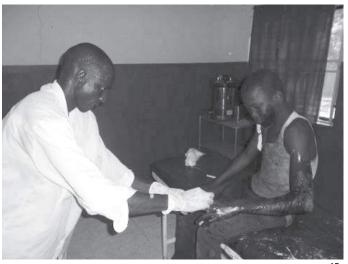
CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's new president moved to assert his authority and regain control of the streets Saturday even as his Islamist opponents declared his powers illegitimate and issued blood oaths to reinstate Mohammed Morsi, whose ouster by the military has led to dueling protests and deadly street battles between rival sides.

But underscoring the sharp divisions facing the untested leader, Adly Mansour, his office said pro-reform leader Mohamed ElBaradei had been named as interim prime miniswere continuing. A politician close to ElBaradei said the reversal was due to objections by an ultraconservative Islamist party with which the new administration wants to cooperate.

Mansour's administration, meanwhile, has begun trying to dismantle Morsi's legacy. He replaced Morsi's intelligence chief and the presidential palace's chief of staff. Prosecutors, meanwhile, ordered four detained stalwarts of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood held for 15 days pending an investigation into the shooting deaths of eight protesters last week.

ported between supporters and opponents of Morsi as the two sides sought to regroup after a night of fierce clashes that turned downtown Cairo into a battlefield. Clashes were also fierce in the port city of Alexandria, where thousands from both sides fought each other with automatic rifles, firebombs and clubs.

Friday's violence left 36 dead, taking to at least 75 the number of people killed since the unrest began on June 30, when millions of protesters took to the streets on the anniversary of Morsi's inauguration as Egypt's first democratically elected president.



In this photo taken with a mobile phone a doctor attends to a student from Government Secondary School in Mamudo, at the Potiskum General Hospital, Nigeria, following an attack by gunmen on Saturday July 6, 2013.

He put his arm up in defense, and sustained a gunshot that blew off all four fingers on his right hand, the one he uses to write. His life was spared when the militants moved on after shooting him.

Hassan recalled how the gunmen came armed with jerry cans of fuel that they used to torch the school's administrative block and one of the dormitories.

"They burned the children alive," he said, the horror showing in his wide eyes.

He and teachers at the morgue said dozens of children from the 1,200-student school escaped into the bush, but have not been seen since.

POSITION: Accountant

SALARY: Minimum

ter but later backtracked on the decision saying consultations No major violence was re-**Egypt's rulers** July 3, 2013 In this undated Military coup photo, forme Egyptian outsts Morsi; have military link President Hosni top judge Mubarak (left), Adly Mansour A military coup ousted Egypt's first appointed as non-military president since the monarchy Anwar El Sadat interim president was overthrown in 1952. 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 2010s 00 1953-54 1954-70 1970-81 1981-2011 2011 July 3, 2012 **Anwar El Sadat Mohamed Hussein** Muhammad **Abdel Nasser** Hosni Mubarak Mohammed Tantawi Naguib (Air Force lieutenant (Army (Army major) Morsi (Army field (Army colonel) general/air marshal) First nongeneral) marshal) military elected NOTE: Nasser was Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, 1954-56, then elected president in 1956; Sufi Abu Taleb served as acting president for eight days after Sadat's assassination

Graphic: Judy Treible, Tim Goheen

WORLD BRIEFS

Quebec police: More oil train deaths expected

Source: MCT Photo Service, Reuters, New York Times

LAC-MEGANTIC, Quebec (AP)—Fires continued burning late Saturday nearly 24 hours after a runaway train carrying crude oil derailed in eastern Quebec, sparking explosions and a blaze that destroyed the center of a town and killed one person. Police said they expected the death toll to increase. Witnesses said the eruptions sent residents scrambling through the streets under the intense heat of towering fireballs and a red glow that illuminated the night sky. Many locals in Lac-Megantic were shaken out of their slumber after the area shook from blasts and shot flames higher than the steeple of a nearby church. Between 1,500 and 2,000 people were forced from their homes in the lakeside town of 6,000 people, which is about 155 miles (250 kilometers) east of Montreal and about 10 miles (16 kilometers) west of the Maine border.

Train in central Pakistan hits rickshaw, kills 12 LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—A police officer says a train traveling through central Pakistan hit an overloaded rickshaw at an unmanned railway crossing, killing 12 people. Senior police officer Himayun Tarar said the crash Saturday happened near Khanpur village in Shaikhupura district of Punjab province. Tarar said the rickshaw driver didn't notice the train and tried to cross the tracks. Tarar said two women and two children were among the dead, while two others who survived the collision were in critical condition at a local hospital. The officer said many of the victims died before rescue workers reached the crash.

Bombing at market street in east Pakistan

kills 4 LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—A powerful bomb exploded at a busy market street in eastern Pakistan on Saturday, killing at least four people and wounding 47, officials said. The bombing in the city of Lahore took place near the popular Anarkali bazar, which was crowded with hundreds of people at the

time of the blast, said police officer Maroof Wahla. The wounded were taken to nearby hospitals, where some of the victims were listed in critical condition, he said. Provincial finance minister Mujtaba Shujaur Rehman told reporters that the bomb killed four and wounded 47.

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Mexico volcano spits 2 mile-high ash cloud

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The Popocatepetl volcano just east of Mexico City has spit out a cloud of ash and vapor 2 miles (3 kilometers) high over several days of eruptions, and Mexico City residents awoke Saturday to find a fine layer of volcanic dust on their cars. It has been years since the center of the nation's capital has seen a noticeable ash fall because prevailing winds usually blow the volcanic dust in other directions. Ash fell earlier this week in some neighborhoods on Mexico City's south and east sides. The city's legion of car washers quickly wiped the fine coating from cars on Saturday with no apparent ill effects.



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: CLOSE DATE: July 12, 2013

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in accounting strongly preferred. Minimum two years experience as a supervisory level employee qualification preferred but not required

OPEN DATE: POSITION: HR Clerk July 12, 2013 CLOSE DATE: SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum 2 years experience in human resources field preferred. Must have a personable, friendly

personality. Ability to explain various laws and regulations to the employees in a friendly manner

OPEN DATE: July 5, 2013 POSITION: IT Technician July 12, 2013 CLOSE DATE:

High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in computer/network maintenance field required. Formal education/training in IT or Design related subjects highly preferred.

OPEN DATE:

POSITION: Chinese GRO CLOSE DATE: July 12, 2013 SALARY: Minimum

Qualifications High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum 2 years experience in a hotel front desk and/or concierge position strongly preferred. Proficiency in

Chinese language strongly preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and ready smile. OPEN DATE: July 5, 2013 POSITION: Front Desk Clerk

July 12, 2013 CLOSE DATE

Qualifications:

July 5, 2013 POSITION: Bell Hop CLOSE DATE: July 12, 2013

High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two 2 years experience in a hotel front desk and/or concierge position strongly preferred. Proficiency in Japanese, Korean, Chinese and/or Russian language strongly preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile

OPEN DATE: POSITION: Server (Part-time) CLOSE DATE: July 12, 2013 SALARY:

High school graduate or equivalent. The position may require employ to receive certain food handler related health examination and clearance before hire and continue to receive such examination and clearance annually as a condition to their continued employment. Minimum 2 years in food service preferred. Friendly personality, willingness to serve and a ready smiling individual highly preferred.

July 5, 2013 July 12, 2013 OPEN DATE: POSITION: Cook (Chinese)

CLOSE DATE: Wage/Negotiable

High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) year experience in culinary experience. Applicants with formal training/education in culinary continued employment

July 5, 2013 July 12, 2013 OPEN DATE: POSITION: Mechanic CLOSE DATE:

Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum of 2 years experience in mechanical related field required. Formal training in mechanical

repair/engineering highly preferred POSITION: Prim/Lifequard

OPEN DATE: July 5, 2013 CLOSE DATE:

Wage/Negotiable

High school graduate or equivalent. Obtaining a lifeguard certification may be required for continued employment. Must have friendly and

outgoing personality. July 5, 2013 July 12, 2013 OPEN DATE:

POSITION: Activity/Water Park

CLOSE DATE: Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications

preferred. Applications are available at the Security Office next to the Wave Jungle Water Park. Applications must be completed at the time of submission.

Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted or considered. Skills testing may be required for some positions. Saip. Opportunity Employer. For more information, please contact Human Resources Office at (670) 234-5900 ext. 266/576.

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Focus

Pope Francis has

approved and clears

Pope John Paull II

for sainthood.

Papal years

1978 Elected pope at age 58; first non-Italian pope in more than 400 years

1979 Issues first of 14 encyclicals (official papal letters)

1980 Meets Queen Elizabeth, his first official meeting with a world leader

1981 Shot in Vatican plaza by Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca; pleads for end to nuclear arms race

1982 Attends celebration with head of Anglican Church, one of several overtures toward other churches

1992 Undergoes surgery to remove precancerous intestinal tumor

1994 Establishes diplomatic relations between Vatican and Israel

1996 Appoints woman to head papal delegations to U.N. conference; remains opposed to ordaining women as priests

1997 Launches papal Internet site

1998 Makes first visit by a pope to Cuba

April 2, 2005 Dies at age 84

Becoming a saint

2005 2006

May 9, 2005 Pope Benedict allows the investigation into John Paul II's virtues to begin (normally five years must pass between death and launch of examination)

June 2005 French Sister Marie Simon-Pierre says she is cured of Parkinson's after praying to the pope

2007

April 2, 2007 Documentation handed over to

Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints for approval

Jan. 14, 2011 Pope Benedict recognizes cure of Sister Simon-Pierre as a miracle

2011

May 1, 2011 On day of John Paul II's beatification, woman in Costa Rica miraculously and spontaneously cured

Source: BBC, The Vatican, Reuters, MCT Illustration Bank

Youth and priesthood

JOHN PAUL II

1920 Born Karol Josef Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland

1938 Begins study at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

1940-44 Works in quarry, then chemical plant to avoid prison during Nazi occupation

1942 Starts secret study for priesthood

1946 Ordained a priest; begins study at Rome's Angelicum University

> 1948 Earns doctorates in theology and philosophy

1954 Joins faculty at Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

1958 Made auxiliary bishop of Krakow; succeeds as a church leader despite communist oppression

1960 "Love and Responsibility," his best-known written work, is published

1964 Becomes archbishop

1967 Becomes cardinal

2013

July 2013 Vatican

recognizes second

approves sainthood;

ceremony expected

by the end of the

miracle by John

Paul II and

year

By the numbers

During his reign of more than 26 years John Paul II

Beatified Canonized 482 1,338 people saints

Graphic: Melina Yingling

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Pope Francis clears John Paul II for sainthood

of the 20th century's most influential popes to become saints, approving a miracle needed to canonize Pope John Paul II and waiving Vatican rules to honor Pope John XXIII.

It was a remarkable show of papal authority and confirmed Francis' willingness to bend church tradition when it comes to things he cares deeply about. Both popes are also closely identified with the Second Vatican Council, the 1962-65 meetings that brought the Catholic Church into modern times, an indication that Francis clearly wants to make a statement about the council's role in shaping the church today.

cable cure from a deadly brain aneurism was the "miracle" needed to canonize John Paul. More significantly, he decided that John XXIII. who convened Vatican II. could be declared a saint even without a second miracle attributed to his intercession. The Vatican said Francis had the power to dispense with such requirements and could proceed with only one confirmed miracle to John's name.

The ceremony is expected before the end of the year. The date of Dec. 8 has been floated as likely, given it's the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a major feast day for the church that honors Mary, to whom both

Francis on Friday cleared two a Costa Rican woman's inexplidevoted. Polish prelates contin-Francis. And it climaxed with ue to press for October, to mark the 35th anniversary of the Polish-born John Paul's election, but Vatican officials have suggested that's too soon to organize such a massive event.

The announcement came on a remarkable day melding papacies past and present: It opened with Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI attending their first Vatican ceremony together, sitting side-by-side on matching papal chairs for the unveiling of a statue in the Vatican gardens. It continued with the publication of Francis' first encyclical, a meditation on faith that was largely written by Benedict be-

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis approved a decree that saintly popes were particularly fore he retired but was signed by Francis' decision to canonize two other predecessors.

> Each event, historic on its own, would have captured headlines. But the canonization announcement capped them all, reflecting the priorities of this unique pontificate that has already broken so many rules and traditions, from Francis' decision to shun papal vestments to his housing arrangements, living in the Vatican hotel rather than the stuffy Apostolic Palace.

> The Rev. Thomas Reese, a Vatican analyst, said the decision to canonize both popes was a "brilliant move to unify the church," given that each pope has his own

admirers and critics.

"With the joint announcement, Pope Francis is saying we do not have to choose between popes, we can honor and revere both as holy men who served the church well in their times," he wrote on his blog for the National Catholic Reporter newspaper.

Vatican II, which John XXIII opened a year before his 1963 death, opened the church to people of other faiths and allowed for Mass to be celebrated in the languages of the faithful, rather than Latin. In the years since it closed in 1965, though, it has become a source of division in the church, with critics blaming a faulty interpretation of Vatican II's true meaning on the fall in priestly vocations and the "crisis" in the church today.

To anyone who has been

paying attention, Francis' decision to canonize John Paul and John XXIII should come as no surprise: The Jesuit was made a cardinal by John Paul, who attended Vatican II, and is very much a priest of John's legacy.

On the anniversary of John Paul's death this year, Francis prayed at the tombs of both John Paul and John XXIII—an indication that he sees a great personal and spiritual continuity in them.

"Two different popes, very important to the church, will be announced saint together - it's a beautiful gesture," said the Rev. Jozef Kloch, spokesman for Poland's Catholic bishops, who like most Poles was overjoyed by the news of John Paul's impending canonization but impatient to know the date.

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Health & Fitness

Having breathing difficulties? Try singing



Joanna Foster, actress, singer and singing teacher, right, leads a singing class at Royal Brompton Hospital in London, Monday, June 17, 2013.

LONDON (AP)—In a third-floor room of a London hospital with orange and white walls draped with Tibetan prayer flags, roughly a dozen people gathered recently to perform vocal exercises and sing songs, including folk music from Ghana and Polynesia.

While the participants were drawn to the session by a fondness for music, they also had an ulterior motive for singing: to cope better with lung disease. The weekly group is led by a professional musician and is offered to people with respiratory problems including asthma, emphysema, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder, or COPD.

Doctors at London's Royal Brompton Hospital started the program after reasoning that the kind of breathing used by singers might also help lung patients.

"Since many people enjoy singing, we thought it would help them associate controlling their breathing with something pleasant and positive rather than a standard physiotherapy technique," said Dr. Nicholas Hopkinson, the hospital's top chest physician. "It's almost accidental that they learn something about their breathing through singing," he said.

People with COPD have damaged lungs, which limits how much air they can breathe in and out. "Some people start to breathe very rapidly, which aggravates the problem," Hopkinson said. "They take many rapid, shallow breaths and that makes it even harder for them," he said. Hopkinson said learning to sing gives patients better posture and teaches them to breathe at a more manageable rate.

Still, two trials on the singing therapy conducted by Hopkinson and colleagues haven't found much improvement in patients' performance on breathing tests. "The lung function test doesn't change because the underlying disease hasn't changed," he explained. Hopkinson said that in a study comparing patients who went to the singing class versus those who attended a film discussion group, only the patients who sang reported feeling physically better

afterwards, even if it couldn't be

measured objectively. Other experts agreed the singing therapy was an unusual but worthy approach. "There's a sound physiological rationale for this." said Dr. Norman Edelman, chief medical officer of the American Lung Association. "Controlled breathing, like the kind you might learn in singing, is very important because people with COPD should try to take deep breaths and slowly synchronize each breath when they're doing something like walking up stairs," he said.

Some experts said singing would probably only appeal to a minority of patients and emphasized it could not replace traditional treatments. "Not everybody wants to sing but everybody can learn exercises to help them," said Julia Bott, a spokeswoman for Britain's Chartered Society of Physiotherapy. She said other activities like yoga and tai chi had breathing techphysio exercises respiratory patients are usually taught.

Bott also said the breathing techniques used for singing if you're panting and out of

for people with mild problems. "If you've got severe disease, it will be pretty hard to sing

niques similar to the types of would probably only be helpful breath," she said. Bott said the songs used would also have to be pretty basic. "No one is going to be singing any Wagnerian operas after this," she said.

2 stem cell patients stop HIV drugs, no virus seen

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Two HIV-positive patients in the United States who underwent bone marrow transplants for cancer have stopped anti-retroviral therapy and still show no detectable sign of the HIV virus, researchers said Wednesday.

The Harvard University researchers stressed it was too early to say the men have been cured, but said it was an encouraging sign that the virus hasn't rebounded in their blood months after drug treat-

The first person reported to be cured of HIV, American Timothy Ray Brown, underwent a stem cell transplant in 2007 to treat his leukemia. He was reported by his German doctors to have been cured of HIV two years later.

Brown's doctors used a donor who had a rare genetic mutation that provides resistance against HIV. So far, no one on Wednesday. has observed similar results using ordinary donor cells such as those given to the two patients by the Harvard University researchers.

The researchers, Timothy Henrich and Daniel Kuritzkes of the Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, announced last year that blood samples taken from the men-who both had blood cancers-showed no traces of the HIV virus eight months after they received bone marrow transplants to replace cancerous blood cells with healthy donor cells. The men were still on anti-HIV drugs at the time.

The men have both since stopped anti-retroviral therapy—one 15 weeks ago and the other seven weeks ago—and show no signs of the virus, Henrich told an international AIDS conference in Malaysia

"They are doing very well," Henrich said. "While these results are exciting, they do not yet indicate that the men have been cured. Only time will tell."

The HIV virus may be hiding in other organs such as the liver, spleen or brain and could return months later, he warned.

Further testing of the men's cells, plasma and tissue for at least a year will help give a clearer picture on the full impact of the transplant on HIV persistence, he said.

Kuritzkes said the patients will be put back on the drugs if there is a viral rebound.

A rebound will show that other sites are important reservoirs of infectious virus and new approaches to measuring these reservoirs will be needed in developing a cure, Henrich said.

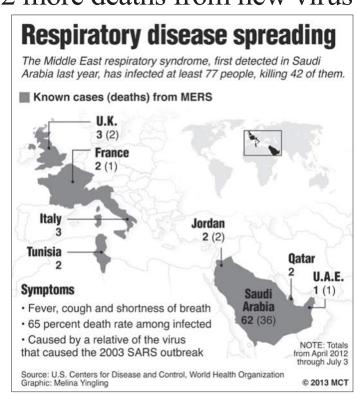


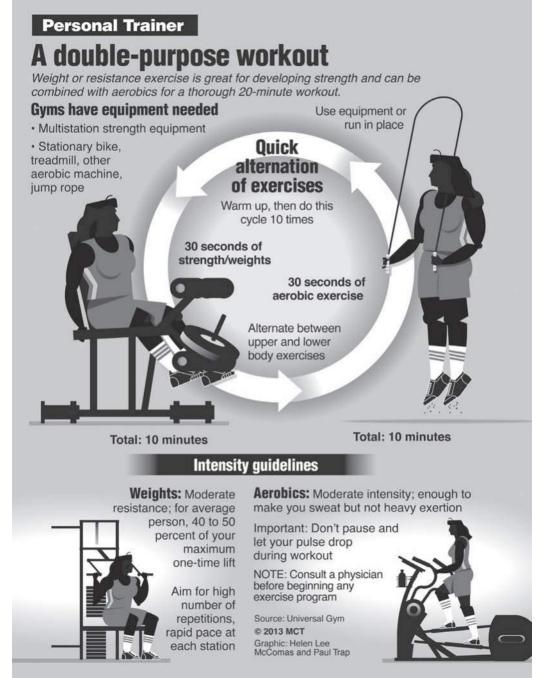
RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—Saudi Arabia says two more people have died from a new respiratory virus related to SARS, bringing the total number of deaths to at least 34 in the kingdom at the center of the growing outbreak.

Overall, more than 40 people have died from the virus since September, most of them in Europe and the Middle East. That's according to local officials and the World Health Organization.

The Saudi Health Ministry also said Wednesday that three patients with the virus have recovered, in a further sign that treatments are working.

The new virus is related to SARS, which killed some 800 people in a global outbreak in 2003. It belongs to a family of viruses that most often causes the common cold.





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Life & Style

Statue of Liberty reopens on US Independence Day

NEW YORK (AP)—The Statue of Liberty finally reopened on America's Independence Day months after Superstorm Sandy swamped its little island as people across the U.S. celebrated freedom and President Barack Obama urged citizens to live up to the words of the Declaration of Independence.

The statue's reopening Thursday was a sign of recovery as the nation celebrated its independence in a variety of ways from a solemn fireworks tribute to fallen firefighters to traditional parades and concerts to competitive hot dog eating.

Tighter security was common. Boston prepared to host its first large gathering since the marathon bombing in April that killed three and injured hundreds.

In New York, a large crowd gathered for the holiday and ribbon-cutting ceremony at Liberty Island with federal officials and Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Lines stretched blocks long for the boat to the island, which left from the busy southern tip of Manhattan.



Visitors to fhe Statue of Liberty take photos as they arrive on the first tourist ferry to leave Manhattan, Thursday, July 4, 2013, in New York.

"It is one of the most enduring icons of America, and we pulled it off—it's open today," National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis said at a ribboncutting ceremony. "Welcome."

The statue was spared in the

October storm, but Lady Liberty's island took a serious beating. Railings broke, docks and paving stones were torn up and buildings were flooded. The storm destroyed electrical systems, sewage pumps and

boilers. Hundreds of National Park Service workers from as far away as California and Alaska spent weeks cleaning mud and debris.

Elsewhere in the city, competitive eating champions Joey

Chestnut and Sonya Thomas defended their respective men's and women's titles at the 98th annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest.

In his weekly radio address, Obama urged Americans to live up to the words of the Declaration of Independence by securing liberty and opportunity for their children as well as for future generations.

The first family was to host U.S. servicemen and women at the White House for a cookout later Thursday.

In the Arizona town that's an old fire truck.

the home of 19 elite firefighters who were killed over the weekend in a wildfire, the holiday fireworks were set to continue, despite the hot conditions. And the fire that continued to burn. The community's mantra for days has been, "celebration, not grief."

Two were killed in holiday parades in Oklahoma and Maine. In Oklahoma, a boy died after being run over by a float near the end of a parade. In Maine, the driver of a tractor in the parade was killed after the vehicle was struck by

Feds: NY man tried to extort \$250,000 from Paula Deen

ATLANTA (AP)—Authorities on Friday arrested a New York man charged with trying to extort money from embattled celebrity cook Paula Deen in exchange for not going to the news media with 'true and damning statements" he said she made.

FBI agents and local sheriff's deputies arrested Thomas George Paculis, 62, of Newfield, N.Y., Friday morning. A criminal complaint filed Wednesday in federal court in Savannah, Ga., charges him with extortion.

The complaint says Paculis was threatening to go to the media with statements made by Deen unless the former Food Network star gave him \$250,000. The complaint does not specify what was in the statements Paculis claimed were made by Deen.

Paculis did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment Friday. A call to a phone number for Paculis found in the criminal complaint rang unanswered. He had his initial court appearance Friday in New York and was released on bond, said FBI Special Agent Stephen Emmett in Atlanta. He has been ordered to appear in federal court in Savannah on July 16.

Deen's business deals began falling apart last month after statements she made when she was questioned under oath in May became public. The questioning was part of a civil lawsuit filed last year by Lisa Jackson, a former manager of Uncle Bubba's Seafood and Oyster House, which Deen co-owns with her brother. Bubba Hiers. Jackson says she was sexually harassed and worked in an environment rife with racial slurs and innuendo.

Asked in her deposition if she had ever used the N-word, Deen replied: "Yes, of course." But she also insisted "it's been a very long time."

Paculis wrote an email to Deen's lawyer, Greg Hodges, on June 24, several days after Deen's statements became

public, the complaint says. The text of the email is transcribed in the complaint: "I am about to go public with statements refuting your clients statements about using the 'N' word in her business practices at Lady and Son's... The statements are true and damning enough that the case for Jackson will be won on it's merit alone..."

Paculis went on to say "there is a price for such information..." and urges Hodges to contact him by email, the complaint says.

Hodges contacted the FBI to report the email, and the FBI directed him to reply to it. Hodges and Paculis exchanged several emails, and Paculis provided several examples of information that he believed "would damage your client in so many ways that it would sink your ship before it left the dock," the complaint says.

Hodges and Paculis eventually spoke by phone and Paculis said he wanted \$250,000 net and didn't want a paper trail, the complaint says. At the direction of the FBI, Hodges negotiated the amount to \$200,000. Paculis told Hodges he was house sitting in New York, didn't have a car and didn't know how he was going to collect the money, the complaint says.

FBI agents showed Deen photos of Paculis, and she didn't recognize him or his name.

Paculis also contacted Jackson's lawyer, Matt Billips, on July 1, a few days after he and Hodges had negotiated the price, the complaint says. He wrote in an email that he had pushed Deen's lawyer to the point of giving him money not to go public with his information, the complaint says.

"Now the burning question is...do you want in...I still have the chance to bring this together, but time is slowly running out...I have them hooked, but reeling this sucker in is gonna be hard without help...give me a call..." the email says.

'Despicable Me' tramples 'Lone Ranger' at theaters

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"The Lone Ranger" seems to be riding into the sunset on its debut weekend.

The Disney Western starring Armie Hammer as the titular character and Johnny Depp as Tonto was outpaced 3 to 1 by Universal's "Despicable Me 2," which also opened Wednesday. The animated sequel collected \$59.9 million in ticket sales so far, while "The Lone Ranger" earned a paltry \$19.5 million.

While Disney is likely to recover based on its other strong offerings this summer, including Pixar's "Monsters University" and Marvel's "Iron Man 3," the masked man's dismal box-office showing may spell trouble for Depp and all but ends any hope for a Lone Ranger franchise.

"This is one and done," said Stuart Oldham, editor of the industry trade site Variety.com. "You're not going to see another Lone Ranger movie after this."

It's a "big disappointment" for Disney, said media and entertainment analyst Martin Pyykkonen of Wedge Partners. Although the film had been set up for a sequel, "it's obviously not even going to come close to covering the production costs," the analyst said.

Years in the making, "Lone Ranger" filming was shut down for weeks in 2011 because of soaring costs that still ended up in the \$250-million range.

Poor reviews for the film may have contributed to the sluggish ticket sales. Chicago Sun-Times critic Richard Roeper called it "slick trash," while the AP's Jake Coyle said the two-and-a-



haustingly collapses in a scrap heap of train wreckage."

"The Lone Ranger' is, alas, a runaway train," Coyle writes.

It's a serious misstep for blockbuster producer Jerry Bruckheimer, director Gore Verbinski and megastar Depp. who partnered profitably on the first three "Pirates of the Caribbean" films. Depp's take on Tonto has been compared unfavorably to Captain Jack Sparrow in face paint.

"(The studio thought) if we have Johnny Depp and we transfer him over to another funny hat and call him Tonto, we're going to be OK, but it's not OK," said Gene Del Vecchio, author of 'Creating Blockbusters.

Part of the problem, he said, is that children aren't nearly as familiar with the Lone Ranger as they are with the animated characters in "Despicable Me 2" and last week's first-place

film, "Monsters University."

"Kids really need to be reintroduced to the Lone Ranger." he said. "Instead, they were introduced to Tonto in the marketing."

The failure of "The Lone Ranger" could impact studio decisions about what to greenlight going forward, and not just at Disney.

"From a film-industry standpoint, when you peel back the onion, you're not going to take a big risk on a big-production film that doesn't have a proven franchise," Pvykkonen said, especially in light of other recent bombs including "John Carter," 'Battleship" and "After Earth."

"What's going to take a hit is creativity in Hollywood," Oldham said. "You're going to see more sequels and more remakes after these big bombs."

Pyykkonen said the future of the proven "Pirates" franchise could even be in question.

"There's probably going to

be some head-scratching in the Disney film studio board rooms," he said. "Like, 'We've had a few in a row here that didn't win at the box office, do we really want to do a 'Pirates' 5?"

This file photo pro-

vided by Universal

Pictures shows the

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- 1. "Despicable Me 2," Universal, \$24.5 million.
 - "The Lone Ranger," Disney, \$9.86 million.
- "The Heat," Fox, \$6.4 million. "Monsters University,"
- Disney, \$5.2 million. "World War Z," Para-
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- sgate, \$673,127.

Beyonce gains stepmother as father gets married

has a stepmother.

Her father and former manager, Mathew Knowles, got married last Sunday. His representative told The Associated Press on Friday that he has wed former model Gena Charmaine Avery in Houston, Texas. The pair had been engaged for a year

The 48-year-old Avery is a realtor. The 61-year-old Knowles guided his daughter to super-

NEW YORK (AP)—Beyonce stardom with the group Destiny's Child and later in her solo career; she released her father as her manager in 2011.

> Knowles, head of Music World Entertainment, still manages several gospel acts including Grammy-winner Le'Andria Johnson.

Knowles and Beyonce's mother, Tina, divorced in 2011 after 31 years of marriage and two children—Beyonce and her sister, fellow singer Solange.

Concert for Okla. tornado victims draws big names

NORMAN, Okla. (AP)— Thousands of people turned out for a Saturday concert benefiting Oklahoma tornado victims.

The star-studded concert featuring Oklahoma natives Toby Keith and Garth Brooks was sold out, with officials estimating a crowd of nearly 65,000, the Tulsa World reported.

The money raised from ticket sales benefits the United Way of Central Oklahoma. That organization has established a fund to aid victims of the tornadoes and violent storms that pummeled the state in May and killed dozens of people.

A separate benefit concert last month hosted by Oklahoma native country music star Blake Shelton raised more than \$6 million in donations and pledges.

Saturday's concert was organized by Keith, who was slated to perform later Saturday.

Brooks, meanwhile, took to the stage Saturday afternoon at the Oklahoma Twister Relief Concert at the University of Oklahoma's Gaylord Family-Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

"Today the healing begins," he said.

Brooks played "Two of a Kind, Workin' on a Full House" and "Papa Loved Mama." His wife, Trisha Yearwood, joined him for a duet, "In Another's Eyes."

"God bless you, Oklahoma!" Yearwood velled, according to the World.

Some concertgoers said their experiences with tornadoes or someone affected by the recent storms drew them to the fundraising event.

Marie Carter, a physician whose office is in Oklahoma City, said she watched helplessly as a twister moved through Moore, coming within a halfmile of her own home.

"It was very scary for a lot of us," Carter said, according to the World. "We've been out there helping our friends, digging through the rubble, and because we're so close, we've had a lot of patients come in who lost everything who have symptoms of PTSD. It's almost surreal, but we wanted to come out and support this cause."

'Dark Knight Returns' No. 2 cover to be auctioned

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—It is the comic book cover that captured the grim visage of an older, wiser—and meaner— Batman.

Now, the 1986 pen and ink creation—drawn by writer/artist Frank Miller—that is the cover to "The Dark Knight Returns" No. 2 will be sold next month in Dallas by Heritage Auctions.

It's the first cover from DC Comics' 1986 four-issue "Dark Knight" miniseries to be sold and is expected to go for more than \$500,000.

Miller's story "radically altered the direction of comics," said Todd Hignite, Heritage's vice president.

"For fans of modern comics, this drawing is where everything really begins," he said. 'This moment defines Miller's Dark Knight, and the modern day perception of Batman, like no other drawing."

The only cover Hignite says might come close is the next in the series—with Batman and Robin—that was auctioned two years ago for nearly \$450,000.

"It represents not only one of the most memorable images from the 1980s, but from Batman's entire illustrious history," Hignite said. "Miller's revolutionary Dark Knight radically altered the direction of comics with its prestige miniseries format, combined with the fact that it was one of the first modern mainstream features to put a gritty noir patina on the squeaky-clean Silver

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The

teenage daughters of rappers

Lil Wayne and Birdman are in

New Orleans with their dads

this weekend, but it's the girls

who are greeting fans and sign-

ing autographs at the Essence

Reginae (REH-jih-nay) Cart-

er is the 14-year-old daughter

of Lil Wayne, whose real name

is Dwayne Carter. She col-

laborated with 16-year-old Bria

Williams, daughter of Bryan

'Birdman" Williams on a teen

novel, "Paparazzi Princesses."

It's based on stories and char-

acters inspired by their own life

of having celebrity parents,"

Reginae Carter said. "It's about

how we go through everyday

They hope their book will in-

"Every book is not every-

body's choice," Carter said,

adding that she likes the idea

of book clubs, where teens

can get together and read the

same thing. "We hope they'll

drama like everybody else."

spire more teens to read.

"It's about the ups and downs



This image provided by Heritage Auctions on July 2, 2013 shows a 9.2-graded copy of "Batman" No. 1 from 1940, depicting Batman and Robin swinging in front of a Gotham city skyline.

Age hero mythos previously exemplified by DC."

Also up for sale is a 9.2-graded copy of "Batman" No. 1 from 1940, that shows Batman and Robin swinging in front of a Gotham city skyline. It's being auctioned on behalf of Tadano America Corp. A similar copy sold for \$850,000 in 2012.

"By any measure this is one of the most desirable comic books in existence," said Barry Sandoval, director of operations for comics and comic art category at Heritage. "There are just a few comics ahead of this on the ultimate comics list, but it's close when you see just how fantastic the shape of this book is."

Rappers' daughters in spotlight as new authors Lucky British babies to receive royal silver penny

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This undated photo issued by The Royal Mint on Thursday July 4, 2013 shows a new silver penny coin that will be awarded to newborns who share their birthday with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's first child.

LONDON (AP)—British babies born the same day as Prince William and Kate's first child will receive their own royal gift in the form of a "lucky" silver penny.

The Royal Mint announced Thursday that it has minted 2,013 silver coins bearing a shield of the Royal Arms, to be given to newborns who share their birthday with the third in line to the British throne.

Crossing the palm of a new-

born baby with silver or offering a silver penny is traditionally seen as a wish for good fortune and health.

Shane Bissett, director of commemorative coins at the Royal Mint, said the mint wanted to share the royal milestone with "mothers and fathers across the country."

Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, is due to give birth in mid-July.

The book covers the privileges and challenges of being teenagers whose fathers are hip-hop stars. The characters learn how to shuffle red carpet events, school, and relationships with friends and their parents while trying to find their own identities in the shadows of their famous

The girls signed copies of their book Saturday at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, where the Essence Festival is holding seminars on health, beauty, relationships and education.

The girls, whose dads have been friends and musical collaborators for years, said they have the same worries and stresses as most teenagers, including peer pressure at school, chores and family relationships.

Both said they're also not immune to being punished just because their dads are famous.

"I had my phone taken away because I was talking on it too much," Williams said.

"Me too," Carter said, as she giggled with her friend.

Husband, wife don't agree on what cheating means

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: At what point is a relationship with a member of the opposite sex considered "cheating"? I have recently discovered that my husband was having a more-than-friendly relationship with a coworker. He set up a post office box for her so she could write to him while she was away for an extended period.



and read them. They described how she missed

my husband and "couldn't wait to feel" his arms around her and his lips on hers again. She said he had shown her what real true love can be. She is 12 years younger than he is.

My husband says they never had sex, but did kiss on several occasions, and he enjoyed their deep, open conversations. Because my husband is not a big conversationalist, that has been very hard for me. The idea that he had meaningful conversations with this woman hurts me more than the physical things they admit to.

He says it's not actually cheating if they never slept together. I say, with everything he has admitted to and the fact he has opened up to her in ways I have begged him to with me, he has DEFINITELY cheated!

This is the second time in our 16-year marriage this kind of thing has happened. Obviously, his definition of cheating is not the same as mine. I say an emotional affair is almost worse than a physical one. He sees cheating as sex only.

HURT AND LONELY IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR HURT AND LONELY: When someone gets a post office box so that he or she can carry on a furtive romantic correspondence, it is cheating. When he kisses and embraces someone in a romantic fashion, that's cheating too. When he confides his deepest feelings to a woman other than his wife, what he does is widen the gulf between them.

On the deepest levels, your husband has been unfaithful to you. It appears he has perfected the "art" of lying to himself in order to justify his behavior. My heart goes out to you.

DEAR ABBY: I was seeing a therapist for several years. I began going because of abandonment and trust issues. Over time we became friends outside of therapy, talking to each other several times a week. I trusted her completely. During our therapy sessions she shared her life and problems with me to the point that I feel I know as much about her as she knows about me.

A couple of months ago, she suddenly decided that ethics had been breached and she was setting new boundaries. She said there would be no contact outside our sessions, but during the sessions she would say how much she missed me and thought of me as a daughter, and she would cry.

Now she has decided that she can no longer be my therapist. She has blocked my number and expects me to respect her demands. I know you can't speak for her, but is this normal behavior for a mental health therapist? I no longer trust therapists.

CONFUSED IN TEXAS

DEAR CONFUSED: No, it is not normal behavior; it is highly inappropriate. Your therapist appears to have had as many or more unresolved emotional issues than you did. By ending your sessions together, she has done you an enormous favor.

While you may not trust "therapists," it may require the efforts of another one to help you work through this. When you go for your initial interview, be sure to tell the therapist what was done to you.

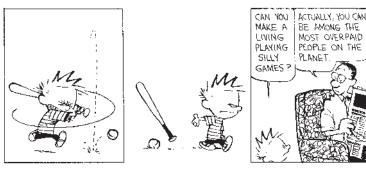
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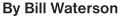
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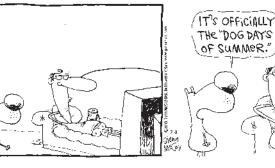
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Toby Keith, 52; Kevin Bacon, 55; Anjelica Huston, 62; Jeffrey Tambor, 69.

Happy Birthday: Your intuition will peak, giving you the chance to make some very crucial decisions without hesitation. Trust in your instinct and believe in your abilities. A change is in order, and under controlled circumstances you can manage to reach your goals in a unique and impressive manner that is sure to draw positive attention. Your numbers are 2, 12, 17, 23, 30, 32, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Personal changes can improve your life. Discuss your plans with anyone who will be affected by your decision. A partnership may need to be revamped. Equality must be maintained in order to avoid anyone being taken for granted. 🗪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Participating and contributing more with colleagues or friends will help build a solid foundation as well as the support you need to make your dreams come true. Do whatever is necessary to make your pursuits a positive experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Consider what you have to offer. A service or skill used to help others or to improve your financial situation should be considered. Use your imagination, be creative and you will come up with a plan that is practical and profitable. •••

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your mind is likely to wander. Unexpected situations will arise that require your attention. Don't give someone else the authority to make a decision for you. Let your intuition and past experience be your guide to a better lifestyle, friendships and choices.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your financial interests a secret. Find creative ways to turn an investment into a bigger asset. Protect what you have and make personal changes that will help you save more, feel better and live substantially longer. Love is on the rise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Once you establish what you want, you will be able to help others more effectively. Socializing with people you see as talented, intelligent and mindful will result in establishing your own plans for the future. Include children and physical activity in your plans. **OOOO**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get your duties out of the way before someone complains. Pressure will be applied if you are inconsistent. Focus and do your best to honor whatever you promise to do. Romance is highlighted, so put time aside for love. 🛇

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trust in your judgment and take action based on your past accomplishments. Don't be afraid to do things differently. It's your uniqueness that will help you stand out and draw interest and support. A positive personal change is apparent. Stick close to home. OOOOO

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Living in the moment and enjoying whatever comes your way should be your goal. Mix

that with pampering, positive personal change and perhaps a little romance or travel, and you will feel rejuvenated and ready to conquer whatever

comes your way. 🛇 😂 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll

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pared to handle whatever you face with honor and solutions that benefit everyone. A partnership will be dependent on a choice you make now. Don't feel you must make an impulsive move. 33 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care

of your needs without feeling guilty. It's important not to give in to pressure or feel obligated to do something that benefits everyone but you. A change will do you good but must be made for the right reason.

be drawn into emotional situations and must be pre-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Socializing with people from different backgrounds will motivate you to develop ideas you've been mulling over. Expand your interests and be open to creative suggestions. Invest in yourself and your future. Greater assets are apparent. OCOCO

Birthday Baby: You are a doer; impulsive and insightful. You are possessive and protective.

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Howard turns Rockets from promising to contenders

HOUSTON (AP)—Last offseason, the Houston Rockets were an afterthought, a young team with little star power.

Now, after trading for James Harden just before this past season and adding Dwight Howard on Friday, Houston is suddenly primed to contend sooner than almost anybody expected.

Still, Houston general manager Daryl Morey knows nabbing Howard is only the first step in a long process for his team.

"We haven't accomplished anything yet, but we're putting something pretty cool together, I think," Morey said in an interview with Comcast SportsNet Houston.

Howard is the Rockets' latest superstar center, following Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon and eight-time All-Star

They reached the playoffs for the first time since 2009 this season and battled back from a 3-0 deficit before being eliminated by the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 6.

Their return to the postseason showed they have plenty of speed and long-range scoring power with Harden, Jeremv Lin and Chandler Parsons. Omer Asik was a solid rebounder in the playoff run and averaged 12.3 points in the series, but it was clear that the team needed a more potent scoring threat inside.

The addition of Howard gives them just that, as the 6-foot-11 star has averaged more than 18 points and almost 13 rebounds in his nine-year career.

His one season in Los Angeles was filled with unrest, including what many believed to



In this Jan. 25, 2013, file photo, Los Angeles Lakers center Dwight Howard dunks during the first half of their NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz, in Los Angeles.

be a less than positive relationship with Kobe Bryant. Bryant unfollowed Howard on Twitter on Friday night after he announced his decision to join the Rockets with a tweet.

It was the end of a short tenure with the Lakers in which Howard averaged 17 points and almost 11 rebounds in the playoffs, where the injury-riddled team was swept by the San Antonio Spurs in the first round.

Morey believes his team offers many benefits to the 27-year-old center, but one thing sealed the deal.

"I think Dwight's in a great first year with the Rockets, go-

place in his career," Morey said in the television interview. "He's focused on winning and we gave him the best chance to win. It's that simple."

Howard can't officially sign until July 10 when next season's salary cap has been set. The Rockets can pay him \$88 million over a four-year contract—\$30 million less than what Los Angeles could have given him.

But in Houston, Howard saw the chance to join Harden and boost this up-and-coming team. Harden blossomed in his

ing from stellar sixth man with the Thunder to Houston's top player. He averaged 25.9 points, 4.9 rebounds, 5.8 assists and 1.8 steals, setting career highs in each category.

After Howard made his decision Friday night, Harden tweeted: "Houston we have lift off!!," and posted a photo to Instagram of him and his newest teammate together.

"No matter how you look at it we thought it was a pretty straightforward choice," Morey said on Comcast. "To Dwight's credit he did turn down a pretty significant amount of money to come to the Rockets. It shows his mindset that he's really ready to take that next step. If you look at best players, James Harden is the best player out there that he could join."

But Harden certainly isn't Houston's only weapon. The Rockets signed Lin last season to run their offense and they were also buoyed by the development of Parsons, a secondround pick in 2011.

Parsons averaged 15.5 points last season and was even better in the playoffs when Lin was ailing, averaging 18.2 points against the Thunder.

Morey believes the move puts the Rockets among the top teams in the Western Conference and definitely positions them to contend for a title. He pointed to the Miami Heat, San Antonio Spurs and Oklahoma City Thunder as the teams he sees as Houston's biggest competition next season.

"We obviously have our work cut out for us," he said on Comcast. "We're going to set ourselves up to be able to compete with them. This move is obviously the most important one. We'll let the chips fall where they may."

NBA BRIEFS

Sources: Warriors clear space, acquire Iguodala OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—

The Golden State Warriors have landed a coveted free agent—just not the one everybody was talking about. The Warriors reached an agreement with swingman Andre Iguodala on a \$48 million, four-year deal Friday, two people with knowledge of the situation said. The people spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because NBA rules prevent confirmation of moves until July 10. One person said the Warriors cleared more than \$24 million in salary cap space by sending Richard Jefferson, Andris Biedrins and Brandon Rush to the Utah Jazz along with a package of draft picks. Yahoo Sports, which first reported the deal, said the Warriors were only taking back Kevin Murphy and his non-guaranteed \$788,000 deal for next season. Utah also will receive multiple draft picks from Golden State, including its 2014 and 2017 first-round picks. While the Warriors had hoped to sign Dwight Howard, the seventime All-Star center informed the team he would not sign with them. Howard wrote on Twitter a few hours later that the Houston Rockets are "the best place for me."

Source: Pistons, Josh Smith agree to \$54M deal

DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit Pistons have addressed their biggest need with one with the Kings last season, the best free agents available. Josh Smith and the Pistons have agreed to a \$54 million, four-year contract, according to a person familiar with the deal. The person spoke to The Associated Press on Saturday on condition of anonymity because the agreement has not been announced. NBA rules prevent confirmation of moves until July 10, when Smith is expected to sign his deal. The 6-foot-9, 225-pound small forward scored a team-high 17.5 points last season for Atlanta and also averaged 8.4 rebounds, 4.2 assists, 1.8 blocks and 1.2 steals. Smith has only played

for his hometown Hawks, who drafted him No. 17 overall out of high school in 2004—soon after the Pistons won their third championship. He has averaged 15.3 points, eight rebounds and more than three assists, two blocks and a steal during his career, which has not included an All-Star appearance. Smith had his best season—averaging career highs in points (18.8) and rebounds (9.6)—during the 2011-12 season. In 52 playoff games over the last six postseasons, he averaged slightly more points and rebounds for the Hawks.

Sources: Pelicans, Blazers, Kings make deal

New Orleans, Portland and Sacramento have agreed to a three-team trade sending guard Tyreke Evans to the Pelicans, center Robin Lopez to the Trail Blazers and guard Greivis Vasquez to the Kings, people familiar with the deal said. The people, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Thursday because NBA rules prevent confirmation of trades until July 10, say Portland is sending secondround draft pick Jeff Withey to New Orleans and a future draft pick to Sacramento as part of the deal, which was first reported by ESPN. The trade also sends guard Terrel Harris to Portland.

Evans, a former Rookie of the Year and restricted free agent, averaged 15.2 points, 4.4 rebounds and 3.5 assists his fourth. At 6-foot-6, he has demonstrated the versatility to play either guard position, or even small forward when matchups favor doing so. The 7-foot Lopez, who was New Orleans' starting center after arriving in a trade with Phoenix, averaged 11.3 points to go with 5.6 rebounds and 1.6 blocks last season, all career highs in what was his fifth NBA season. The 6-6 Vasquez, who started at point guard, averaged career highs of 13.9 points and nine assists and was widely regarded as one of the most improved players in the NBA. *(AP)*

New Tour de France leader insists he's for real



his first real op-

portunity, Chris Froome blew away his main Tour de France rivals with a supersonic burst Saturday, a fierce uphill climb that felt a little like the bad old days of Lance Armstrong.

But the Briton who took the race leader's yellow jersey, and looks more likely than ever to keep it all the way to the finish in Paris on July 21, insisted there are fundamental differences between then and now.

Armstrong was stripped of seven Tour titles last year for serial doping. Froome promised that his achievements won't need to be erased in the future.

"It is a bit of a personal mission to show that the sport has changed," Froome said. "I certainly know that the results I'm getting, they're not going to be stripped—10, 20 years down the line. Rest assured, that's not going to happen."

Froome hasn't come out of nowhere. The 28-year-old was the Tour runner-up last year to teammate Bradley Wiggins,

AX 3 DO - runner-up at the Tour of Spain in 2011 and has been the dominant rider this year coming in the first real.

Drug testing in cycling is also better and more credible than it was when Armstrong and his U.S. Postal Service teammates were pumping themselves with hormones, blood transfusions and other banned performanceenhancers.

While improved doping controls do not guarantee that the 198 riders who started the Tour on June 29 are competing clean, they do allow Froome's generation to argue more convincingly that they are a different and more believable breed of competitors from those who doped systematically in the 1990s and 2000s.

"It's normal that people ask questions in cycling, given the history of the sport. That's an unfortunate position we find ourselves in at the moment, that eyebrows are going to be raised, questions are going to be asked about our performances," Froome said.

"But I know the sport's changed. There's absolutely no way I'd be able to get these results if the sport hadn't changed. I mean, if you look at it logically we know that the sport's in a better place now than it was, has been, ever, I think, for the last 20, 30 years."

Still, the hammer-blow Froome delivered on the first stage at this Tour to finish in the high mountains and the way his Team Sky support riders exhausted his rivals by riding hard at the front made it almost impossible to not think of Armstrong.

At the Tours of 1999, 2001 and 2002, Armstrong also used the first high mountain stage to put a grip on the race. A favored tactic for his Postal team—the so-called Blue Train-was to ride so hard at the front that rivals would eventually peel off, spent, leaving Armstrong to then reap victory.

"Any results now, they're definitely a lot more credible," Froome said. "The questions should be asked about people who were winning races maybe five, 10 years ago when we know that doping was more prevalent."

"Anyone who actually spends a bit of time with the team, with us, building up to an event like this, I mean this is months and months of preparation that's gone into this," he added. "That work equals these results, and it's not something that's so, 'Wow. That's unbelievable.' It actually does add up if you look to see what actually goes into this."

There is a racing logic to why Froome and Sky wanted to impose themselves right from the outset in the Pyrenees. The time gaps they opened on Froome's rivals will allow Sky to better manage the race. They won't have to keep such a careful eye on riders who have been all but eliminated from the running for overall victory. The racing-so frantic, nervous and crash-prone in the first week of the Tourshould now calm down somewhat, with Sky expected to marshal the front of the pack to protect its yellow-jersey wearer.

Peter Kennaugh, Froome's teammate, said Sky can "take a lot of control of the race and do it how we want to do it."

Nicolas Portal, a Sky director, said the time advantages they banked on the climb up to the Ax 3 Domaines ski station would act as a safety cushion for Froome.

Pettitte, Yankees top Orioles for 6th straight win

(AP)—Andy Pettitte stopped the Orioles once again, Eduardo Nunez returned with a go-ahead hit and the New York Yankees beat Baltimore 5-4 Saturday for a season-high sixth straight win.

The Yankees overcame Chris Davis' major league-leading 33rd home run and yet another double from Manny Machado, who was celebrating his 21st birthday. The Orioles have lost four of five.

The 41-year-old Pettitte (6-6) earned his 251st win, tying Hall of Famer Bob Gibson for 44th place on the all-time list.

Angels 9, Red Sox 7, 11 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Josh Hamilton hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning, after the Angels rallied to tie it with four runs in the ninth, and Los Angeles beat Boston to snap the AL East-leaders' five-game winning streak.

Brad Hawpe singled with one out in the 11th against Craig Breslow (2-2). Hamilton drove the next pitch out to right-center for his 12th homer and second dramatic blast in three nights.

Tigers 9, Indians 4

In Cleveland, Torii Hunter drove in three runs, Miguel Cabrera cracked a two-run homer and Detroit dominated Cleveland for its fifth straight win.

Hunter hit a two-run homer, tripled and doubled as the Tigers won their seventh straight over the Indians and increased their lead in the AL Central to 3Ω games. Detroit is 8-2 against Cleveland, and the Tigers have outscored the Indians 16-4 in winning the first two of the fourgame set.

Twins 6, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, Brian Dozier hit a three-run home run, Mike Pelfrey and three relievers combined for a four-hitter and Minnesota beat Toronto.

Dozier had two hits and four RBIs, connecting off knuckleballer R.A. Dickey for his eighth homer as the Twins snapped a six-game skid and won for just the fourth time in 14 games.

Royals 4, Athletics 3

In Kansas City, Mo., Jarrod Dyson delivered an infield single with the bases loaded and two outs in the eighth inning, giving Kansas City a scrappy victory over Oakland.

The Royals had rallied to tie the game on a sacrifice fly by Eric Hosmer in the seventh, and then loaded the bases on an error and a pair of walks by reliever Ryan Cook.

Rays 3, White Sox O

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Matt Moore won his fourth consecutive start to help Tampa Bay beat All-Star selection Chris Sale and the Chicago White Sox.

Moore (12-3), who could still become an All-Star as an injury



New York Yankees' Andy Pettitte delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday, July 6, 2013, in New York.

replacement, gave up five hits, two walks and struck out six in 6 1-3 innings.

Astros 9, Rangers 5

In Arlington, Texas, Jason Castro hit a tiebreaking three-run homer hours after being chosen for his first All-Star team, and Houston beat Yu Darvish and Texas.

The catcher's drive came off Robbie Ross in the seventh inning but made a loser of Darvish (8-4), who had a rough night after earning his second All-Star nod in two years in the majors.

Cubs 4, Pirates 1

In Chicago, Alfonso Soriano hit two-run homers in consecutive innings to lead the Chicago Cubs to 1 victory over the Pittsburgh.

Edwin Jackson and three relievers combined on a fivehitter, and the Cubs handed the Pirates their third loss in 14 games. Pittsburgh came in with baseball's best record and a seven-game, road-winning streak.

Cardinals 5, Marlins 4

In St. Louis, Jon Jay scored from first on right fielder Giancarlo Stanton's throwing error on Shane Robinson's single with two outs in the ninth inning, giving St. Louis a win over Miami.

Edward Mujica (1-1) worked a scoreless ninth for the Cardinals after Matt Adams' pinchhit, two-run homer tied it two innings earlier.

Nationals 5, Padres 4

In Washington, Bryce Harper drove in three runs after talking his way into the lineup, Ryan Zimmerman knocked in the goahead run, and Washington rallied to beat San Diego.

Adam LaRoche homered, and Denard Span and Ian Desmond added two hits apiece as the Nationals won their third straight. Since returning from the disabled list and homering in his first at-bat Monday night against Milwaukee, Harper had gone 0 for 18 before his RBI single.

Braves 13, Phillies 4

In Philadelphia, Jason Heyward

hit a three-run homer to lead an Atlanta offense that scored in all but two innings, Tim Hudson pitched seven strong innings, and the Braves set season highs for runs and hits in a rout of Philadelphia.

Andrelton Simmons and Dan Uggla also homered for Atlanta, which amassed 19 hits and snapped a three-game skid. Brian McCann had four hits, and Simmons was a double shy of the cycle.

Giants 4, Dodgers 2

In San Francisco, Madison Bumgarner drove in two runs and struck out nine in seven innings, and San Francisco overcame an embarrassing lineup

mistake to beat Los Angeles. The Giants were caught batting out of order in the first inning, wiping away Buster Posey's RBI double. San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy submitted a lineup with Posev batting fourth, but the reigning NL MVP and batting champion hit third.

Brewers 7, Mets 6

In Milwaukee, Jonathan Lucroy homered and Yovani Gallardo scattered six hits over six innings and had two hits and scored two runs to lead Milwaukee over the New York Mets.

Gallardo (7-8) allowed four earned runs, struck out six and walked three. In his previous outing Monday against Washington, Gallardo gave up nine hits and eight earned runs in three innings. Francisco Rodriguez recorded his eighth save of the season and 302nd of his career.

Diamondbacks 11, **Rockies 1**

In Phoenix, Wade Miley pitched eight effective innings and had a three-run double, first-time All-Star Paul Goldschmidt hit a two-run homer, and Arizona jumped on Colorado early en route to a rout.

Coming off a shutout in the series opener, the Diamondbacks roughed up Drew Pomeranz (0-2) for five runs in the first three innings and finished with 12 hits.

Reds 13, Mariners 4

In Cincinnati, Cesar Izturis drove in three runs, matching his season total, and Mat Latos doubled home two more for Cincinnati, which rallied for a win over Seattle.

The Reds earned only their second victory over Seattle. The Mariners are 9-2 overall in the interleague series.

Greenbrier Classic by 2 Wagner shoots 64, leads



Greenbrier, SULPHUR SPRINGS,

W.Va. (AP)—Amid a disappointing season, Johnson Wagner has found a comfort zone not far from his college stomping grounds.

Wagner shot a 6-under 64 Saturday to take a two-stroke lead after the third round of the Greenbrier Classic.

Wagner was at 14 under on the Old White TPC course. Jimmy Walker also shot 64 and was second at 12 under.

Wagner has yet to post a top 10 finish this year. At the Greenbrier, he broke a string of seven consecutive early exits.

In his two previous tournaments, he had three birdies combined. He had seven of them on Saturday.

"I felt really comfortable all day," Wagner said. "I hit a lot of good golf shots. I've got a really clear picture of what I'm trying to do on every swing.

"Sometimes when you're playing bad, you forget who you are and you get down on yourself. The last couple of weeks, I've just trying to be

positive and remember that I've won three times out here. I'm a little more comfortable with myself right now."

Wagner played golf at Virginia Tech less than two hours from The Greenbrier resort. Several members of his wife's family have joined them for the weekend, and hoots from Hokies fans could be heard around the golf course.

"It's great seeing a bunch of maroon-and-orange in the crowd," Wagner said.

He hopes they can see him wrap up his first win since the 2012 Sony Open.

The other two times Wagner held the lead going into the final round on tour, he won the 2008 Houston Open and the OHL Classic at Mayakoba in Mexico.

But no third-round leader has gone on to win the Greenbrier Classic, now in its fourth year. The tournament has been decided by playoffs the past two years, and Stuart Appleby shot 59 in the final round to win by a stroke in 2010.

Wagner said he isn't going to stop being aggressive Sunday unless the wind picks up.

"I'm just going to try to make as many birdies as I can," he said. "This golf course, when it's firm and fast, may be one of my favorite places we play on tour."

Like Wagner, Walker also gets a cozy feeling at The Greenbrier. He finished one stroke out of a playoff in the 2011 Greenbrier Classic and tied for fourth in 2010.

"The golf course really seems to fit my eye," Walker said. "I like the tee shots, I like the second shots, and I feel comfortable. And when you feel comfortable at places ... I seem to play well."

Still searching for his first tour win. Walker woke up sick early Friday morning and still wasn't feeling well Saturday.

His swing certainly didn't

After seven straight pars on the front nine, Walker ran off five birdies down the stretch, including a 17-foot putt on the par-3 18th.

Walker is hoping to secure a spot in the British Open in two weeks. After the Greenbrier Classic, the leading five players not already exempt from inside

the top 20 in the FedExCup points standings will earn a spot at Muirfield. Walker is 24th.

"I have a room booked," Walker said. "I might as well go use it."

Sweden's Jonas Blixt was four strokes behind Wagner at 10 under after shooting 67. Australians Matt Jones (66) and Steven Bowditch (69) and Texas teenager Jordan Spieth (67) were at 9 under.

Spieth overcame two early bogeys with birdies on three of the final four holes.

A win would give him his PGA Tour membership and make him eligible for the FedEx Cup playoffs. He's won more than \$1.1 million this year and is assured of a tour card when the new season starts in October.

Among six golfers at 8 under included Bill Haas, the winner at Congressional a week ago.

Second-round leader Matt Every bogeyed the first two holes and quickly fell off the leaderboard. He shot 74 and fell into a tie for 27th at 5 under.

Ten players were trimmed from the field after Saturday's round; 81 players had advanced after Friday's play.

DOING

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day in an error-filled, one-sided final that was far from a classic.

"It's always been a part of my personality to be different. I think being just like the other one is kind of boring. I really embrace the fact of being a bit different and doing something that not everyone is," said the 28-year-old Bartoli, who plays tennis right-handed but signs autographs with her left. "I actually love that part of my game, being able to have something different."

She certainly stands alone.

This was Bartoli's 47th Grand Slam tournament, the most ever played by a woman before earning a championship.

She is the only woman in the 45-year Open era to win Wimbledon playing two-fisted shots off both wings (Monica Seles, Bartoli's inspiration for that unusual style, collected her nine major titles elsewhere).

Until Saturday, it had been more than 1 1/2 years since Bartoli won a tournament at any level.

Until these last two weeks, Bartoli's record in 2013 was 14-12, and she had failed to make it past the quarterfinals anywhere.

Asked how to explain how she went from that sort of mediocre season to winning seven matches in a row at Wimbledon, never dropping a set, Bartoli briefly closed her eyes, then laughed heartily.

"Well," Bartoli said, spreading her arms wide, "that's me!"

Unlike Lisicki, a first-time major finalist who was admittedly overwhelmed by the occasion and teared up in the second set, Bartoli already had been on this stage, with the same stakes. Back in 2007, Bartoli won only

five games during a two-set loss to Venus Williams in the Wimbledon final.

"I know how it feels, Sabine," Bartoli said during the on-court trophy ceremony. "And I'm sure, believe me, you'll be there one more time. I have no doubt about it."

Bartoli became the first woman in the Open era to win Wimbledon without facing anyone seeded in the top 10 - her highest-rated opponent was No. 17 Sloane Stephens of the United States in the quarterfinals. That's in part because of all of the injuries and surprises, including exits for No. 2 Victoria Azarenka, No. 3 Maria Sharapova, No. 5 Sara Errani, No. 7 Angelique Kerber, No. 9 Caroline Wozniacki and No. 10 Maria Kirilenko by the end of the second round.

Lisicki, meanwhile, used her game built for grass—fast serves, stinging returns, superb court coverage—to end defending champion and top-seeded Serena Williams' 34-match winning streak in the fourth round. Lisicki also eliminated past maior champions Francesca Schiavone and Sam Stosur, along with No. 4 Agnieszka Radwanska, last year's runner-up.

But Lisicki was an entirely different player Sunday, rattled by every little thing, even the walk downstairs from the locker room to Centre Court and the final-afternoon ritual of players carrying bouquets of flowers when they enter the arena.

"Everything is a little bit different. You've been here for two weeks; the feeling, atmosphere, gets different," said Lisicki, who is based in Bradenton, Fla., and marked her rare winners Saturday with yells of "Yes!" or "Come on!"

"I felt fine this morning, but it's an occasion that you don't

get every day," she said. "So it's something completely new for me. But I will learn and take away so much from it."

When play began under a sunny sky, it was Bartoli who looked jittery, double-faulting twice in a row to drop the opening game.

Then it was Lisicki's turn to serve, and she returned the favor, double-faulting on break point—her last serve barely reaching the bottom of the net to make it 1-all

From there, Bartoli took over, winning 11 of 12 games, and doing exactly what her father, a doctor who taught his daughter how to play, used to hope and imagine could happen in such an important match. Standing inside the baseline—another sign of individuality—Bartoli got back serves that topped 110 mph. She won the point on 9 of 11 trips to the net. She dictated the flow of baseline exchanges, thinking one or two moves ahead, the way one tries to do in chess, her father's favorite pastime.

"I was doing everything well," Bartoli said. "I was moving well. I was returning well. I mean, I really played a wonderful match."

It was not exactly the greatest theater or a "How To" guide for young players. Bartoli and Lisicki combined for more unforced errors, 39, than winners, 36. They finished with 11 doubles-faults and eight aces. When Lisicki double-faulted twice in one game while getting broken to trail 4-1 in the second set, she covered her face with her racket as her eyes welled.

"I was a bit sad that I couldn't perform the way I can," Lisicki

Lisicki already was on the precipice of defeat when she finally did look like someone

who entered the day with a 19-4 career record at Wimbledonthe afternoon's lone, brief moment of intrigue and competitive tennis. Facing match points while serving at 15-40 with a scoreline of 6-1, 5-1 in Bartoli's favor after only 67 minutes, Lisicki suddenly remembered how to play again.

She hit a swinging backhand volley winner to erase one match point, then a 106 mph service winner to take care of the next. Another followed shortly, and this time Bartoli put a backhand into the net. At deuce, Lisicki smacked a 115 mph service winner and a 114 mph ace to hold serve for the second time in seven tries.

Bartoli, who said she napped for a bit and danced to music in the locker room beforehand to stay loose, now was the one who was tight. With the crowd roaring after nearly every point, wanting more match for their money, Lisicki broke to 5-3, then held to 5-4.

Lisicki put together third-set comebacks against Williams and Radwanska, but could she really dig herself out of this hefty deficit?

No. Bartoli served out the match at love, using that one-ofa-kind serve to close with a 101 mph ace that hit a line and sent chalk dust spraying.

"You can't describe that kind of feeling. You cannot put (into) any words what I feel in this moment," said Bartoli, who won earned 1.6 million pounds (about \$2.4 million). "I can't believe I won Wimbledon this year. We'll have to see the pictures, to see the match again on DVD, to ... realize it."

So might everyone else.

Soon after that final ace, she was climbing atop an overhang to get to the guest box for hugs with her father, Walter,

took practice cuts. All of her idiosyncrasies were on display Saturday. The raised fist to celebrate pretty much ev-

ery point she won. The sprints to the sideline at changeovers. And, most importantly of all, those flat forehands and backhands, putting her racket on

balls while they're still low to

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

Boston

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Baltimore

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East Division

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Tampa Bay

Central Division

MLB STANDINGS

54 35 .607

48 39 .552 5

42 45 .483 11

48 38 .558

41 43 .488 6

37 47 .440 10

34 50 .405 13

51 37 .580

50 37 .575 1/2

32 56 .364 19

50 37 .575

42 45 .483 8 1/2

38 49 .437 12 1/2

37 48 .435 15 1/2

35 51 .407 18

48 40 .545 5 1/2

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45 42 .517 3 1/2

and other members of her en-

tourage, including French Fed

Cup captain Amelie Mauresmo

(the last player from France

to win a Grand Slam title, at

Wimbledon in 2006) and hit-

ting partner Thomas Drouet

(who began working with Bar-

toli in May after splitting with

a player, Australia's Bernard

Tomic, whose father faces

court charges in Spain for al-

during this fortnight," Maures-

"She fooled a lot of people

Bartoli didn't let anything

faze her, including a blister on

her right big toe she said was

the size of a quarter and left her

sock bloody. When Lisicki took

an extended bathroom break af-

ter the first set, Bartoli ran out

to the baseline under the Royal

Box and, facing a wall, jumped

in place, did deep-knee bends,

legedly assaulting Drouet).

mo said.

the ground.

At 7 1/2, she watched Seles beat Steffi Graf in the 1992 French Open final, and Bartoli decided-with Dad's encouragement-to adopt the doublehanded technique. Her father devised all sorts of original training methods, including taping tennis balls to the heels of her shoes so she'd be forced to stay on her toes. He also used balls of varying colors and sizes to work on hand-eye coordination.

"All the pros were saying that I was completely crazy when they used to see me working with Marion," said Walter Bartoli, who got to town Friday. "But I kept believing in myself-and Marion."

Good thing, too.

No matter what else happens, she will always be the winner of the 2013 title at the All England Club.

"Just hearing 'Wimbledon champion,' that kind of sounds good to me," Bartoli said, rocking forward in her chair and chuckling. "I wanted that so badly. ... It was like: Dare to dream. I kept dreaming. I kept my head up. I kept working hard. And it just happened."

OL'ACES

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Ol'Aces, chipping in 7, while agile forward Josh Norita added 5. Three other Ol'Aces players made at least two baskets apiece in the second canto to keep the comfortable lead at the break.

Iguel and company kept going at the start of the second half with the Ol'Aces guard tal-

lying 5 of their first 9 points in the third and Camacho reporting back for duty and getting 6 more markers. Mizer then closed out the third with a string of 5 points to move the Ol'Aces further away, 71-42, with only one quarter to go.

With the win almost in the bag, Iguel slowed down in the fourth quarter, but Norita took over, nailing 8 of his 13 markers in the final canto to keep the big gap and hand the Ol'Aces a huge win in its debut game in the 9-team field.

Iguel top-scored for the Ol'Aces with 19 points, while Camacho and Mizer added 12 each and Olaitiman and Renguul logged 10 apiece. Juan Maratita paced the Blazers with his 15 points and was the lone player on the team to break in double figures.

Meanwhile, results of the second game between Mobil and AXE Proa will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Tuesday edition.

Ol'Aces 88 — Iguel 19, Norita 13, Camacho 12, Mizer 12, Olaitiman 10, Renguul 10, Basa 4, Litulima 4, Ogumoro 2.

Blazers 55 — Maratita 15, Brennan 9, Quan 9, Jung 5, Cepeda 5, S. Sablan 4, Taylor 3, Taitano 2, L. Sablan 2, Mendiola 2.

Scoring by quarters: 28-7, 50-28, 71-42, 88-55.

Los Angeles Houston

> Washington 45 42 .517 5 Philadelphia 42 46 .477 8 1/2 New York 36 48 .429 12 1/2 Miami 32 54 .372 17 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Central Division 53 33 .616 Pittsburgh St. Louis 50 37 .575 3 1/2 Cincinnati

West Division

Chicago

Milwaukee

Arizona 46 41 529 42 46 .477 4 1/2 Colorado Los Angeles 41 45 477 4 1/2 San Francisco 40 46 .465 5 1/2 San Diego 40 48 455 61/2

SULPHUR SPRINGS, West Virginia Classic, a \$6.3 million PGA event at the par-70, 7,287-yard Old White TPC course at the Greenbrier Resort:

Johnson Wagner

GREENBRIER CLASSIC SCORES

(AP)-Scores Saturday at the Greenbrier

THIRD ROUND

62-70-64-196 Jimmy Walker 69-65-64-198 66-67-67-200 Jonas Blixt Matt Jones 69-66-66-201 Jordan Spieth 67-67-67-201 Steven Bowditch 65-67-69-201 Pat Perez 71-65-66-202 Bill Haas 68-67-67-202

Rory Sabbatini 70-65-67-202 66-68-68-202 Tag Ridings 65-69-68-202 62-71-69-202 69-70-64-203 Gary Woodland 69-67-67-203 Morgan Hoffmar Bill Lunde 66-66-71-203 72-67-65-204 Nick Watney 71-68-65-204 Cameron Percy 71-67-66-204 Bryce Molder Tim Petrovic 69-68-67-204 Scott Stallings 70-67-67-204 Brian Stuard 71-66-67-204 71-66-67-204 David Lingmerth 67-68-69-204 Louis Oosthuizen 69-66-69-204 Ted Potter, Jr. Ben Curtis 67-66-71-204 67-65-72-204 Russell Henley 69-70-66-205 Troy Matteson 69-70-66-205 Graham DeLaet 68-71-66-205 **Brad Fritsch** Justin Leonard 68-70-67-205 Charlie Wi 73-65-67-205 Peter Hanson 66-71-68-205 George McNeill 66-71-68-205 67-70-68-205 Davis Love III Jason Kokrak 66-71-68-205 Brian Davis 67-68-70-205 James Driscoll 66-68-71-205 Greg Owen 67-66-72-205 Matt Every 69-62-74-205 Daniel Summerhays 65-67-73-205 Cameron Tringale 73-66-67-206 Michael Kim 70-69-67-206 Billy Horschel 69-70-67-206 K.J. Choi 71-67-68-206 68-69-69-206 Bubba Watson Kevin Chappell 67-68-71-206 Chez Reavie 70-69-68-207 James Hahn 72-67-68-207 Luke List 71-67-69-207 John Senden 70-68-69-207 Webb Simpson 64-73-70-207 Chad Campbell 69-66-72-207 Brendon de Jonge 66-68-73-207 Andres Romero 68-71-69-208 Brian Harman 68-70-70-208 Jin Park 64-73-71-208 Richard H. Lee 68-70-70-208 Jeff Overton 68-68-72-208 Brendan Steele 66-70-72-208 68-67-73-208 Kenny Perry D.A. Points 70-65-73-208 Andres Gonzales 71-68-70-209 Ryan Palmer 68-71-70-209 70-69-70-209 Shawn Stefani 69-70-70-209 Carl Pettersson Robert Streb 69-70-70-209 Tom Gillis 67-71-71-209 Tom Watson 68-69-72-209 William McGirt 69-70-71-210 Jim Herman 72-67-71-210 Martin Flores 71-65-74-210

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ing 4-0 advantage after the first completing inning before the CNMI rallied in the next three innings to steal the driver's seat.

Ian Rogolifoi put the CNMI in the board at the top of the second inning, as he reached home off Jerald Cabrera's single, while Jonathan Cabrera nailed a two-run double to cut the deficit to one, 3-4, after two complete innings. The CNMI then forced the first deadlock of the game at the top of the third inning with Darion Jones scoring off a Philippines error. The Tony Rogo-

lifoi-managed squad continued their uphill climb in the fourth with Jerald Cabrera and Mike Muna adding one run apiece off another Philippine miscues.

Down by two, the Philippines stopped the bleeding in the fifth inning as Patrick Lozano and Tony Ozaeta got unearned runs. The host then kept its World Series hopes alive after shutting out the CNMI for the third straight frame and leaving the match in standoff, 6-all, going into the bottom of the seventh and last inning.

The CNMI had the opportunity to break the deadlock at the top of the seventh with Kainoa Wanket on second and A.J. Evangelista on first with only one out. However, Jones flied out, while Rogolifoi was called for a 1-3 putout play, giving the Philippines a chance to win the close match at the bottom of the seventh.

Boo Barandiaran led off for the Philippines and singled to right. He then moved to second off Ozaeta's base hit and the host loaded the bases after Jones, the CNMI's third pitcher, walked Miguel Habana. Barandiaran was then recalled to the bench for pinch runner Esguerra, who went on to slide home off Balagtas' ground ball to hand the Philippines the World Series ticket.

The Philippines advanced to the Senior League finals after beating New Zealand last Friday, 4-1, while the CNMI took the second finals berth, following a shutout victory over Hong Kong, 3-0.

Meanwhile, the CNMI finished fourth in the Junior League, sixth in the Major, and last in the 50/70 and Big League.

Japan topped the 50/70 category, while Chinese-Taipei reigned supreme in the Big and Junior League divisions. Korea and Chinese-Taipei were contesting the Major division championship yesterday and results were unavailable at press time.

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Weekend Sports

CNMI athletes join off-island tournaments

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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With local competition slowing down this month, the CNMI athletes' participation in offisland tournaments was the talk of the town.

In basketball, the CNMI sent two squads to Guam for the 2013 U19 Micronesian Basketball. The CNMI Junior Nationals went on to bring home a bronze medal in the boys division after beating Guam U16, 64-51, in the battle for third place at the Father Duenas Memorial School Phoenix Centre in Hagatna.

The third place squad was composed of Jack Aranda, Ichitaro Faisao, Chris Mizer, Marc Babauta, Malcolm Maui, Darius Pettis, Erick Dela Rosa, Bryle Alegre, Jimmy Tudela, Shane Deleon Guerrero, and Emerson Feria, and coaching staff members Ed Manalili, Rufino Aguon, and Keith Nabors.

Aranda and Mizer were later named to All-Tournament Team with Guam's Sammy Setik and Michael Sakazaki, and Palau's Marvic Ngchar.

In the girls division, the CNMI fell short, bowing to Guam U16 in the consolation game, 41-43. The Preston Basacoached team played the third place match minus three players and nearly won the consolation match if not for a crucial traveling violation called on Michelle Kautz in the closing seconds of the fourth canto.

From Guam, action shifted to the Philippines where the CNMI competed in the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament. The Commonwealth fielded teams in the 50/70 Major, Junior, Senior, and Big League divisions of the AS-PAC that concluded yesterday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Olongapo City, Philippines.

The CNMI Senior League All-Stars gave the Commonwealth their best finish in the regional competition, placing second to the Philippines. The CNMI lost the finale by only one run, 6-7. In other divisions, the CNMI finished

fourth in the Junior League, the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium sixth in the Major, and last in the 50/70 and Big leagues.

The CNMI also sent athletes to Russia with Clay Mc-Cullough-Stearns and John Nekaifes competing in the beach volleyball event in the 27th Summer Universiade in Kazan. Joining them in Russia are coach Russ Quinn and CNMI delegation head Michael White.

In local events, the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup kicked off at

with nine teams participating in this season's competition. Defending champion Mobil and Armatech won the opening games after routing the Blazers and Mariana Resort, while KFC/Taco Bell and AXE Proa triumphed in the second day of the league.

Also recording opening week wins were Shirley's FC, NMI B, and the Thundercats in the 2013 Youth Futsal League that started last week at the TSL Sports Complex.



Players and coaching staff of the CNMI Junior National Team pose for a group photo after their bronze medal win against Guam U16 in the U19 Micronesian Basketball Tournament last week at the Father Due-



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Players and coaches of CNMI Team in the 50/70 division of the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament pose for photo at the Clark Freeport Zone in Olongapo City, Philippines.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO From left, John Nekaifes, Russ Quinn, and Clay McCullough-Stearns pose for a group photo at the Athletes Villages in the 27th Summer Universiade in Kazan, Russia.



A CNMI player is safe on first base during a game against the Philippines in the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament last Monday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Olongapo City, Philippines.



NMI A's Enrico del Rosario dribbles toward their frontcourt, while NMI B's Billy Hinson gets ready for the next play during their game in the opening day of the 2013 Youth Futsal League last week at the TSL Sports Complex.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO Armatech's Noel David drives and draws a foul on Mariana Resort's Joy Dayrit during the second game in the opening day of the Emon Lodge caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.







By HOWARD FENDRICH

ONDON (AP)—Ever since she was a kid, practicing until midnight with her father, Marion Bartoli went about playing tennis her own way.



The two-handed strokes for backhands, forehands, even volleys. The hopping in place and practice swings between points, which help her focus. The unusual setup for serves—no ballbouncing, arms crossed, right wrist resting on her left thumb before the toss.

Whatever works, right? This unique Wimbledon, appropriately enough, produced a unique champion in the ambidextrous Bartoli, the 15th-seeded Frenchwoman who won her first Grand Slam title by beating 23rd-seeded Sabine Lisicki of Germany 6-1, 6-4 Satur-

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l'Aces rout Blazers in Emon Lodge caging

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



The Ol'Aces had a walk in the park against the Blazers, nailing an 88-55

win in the first game in the Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces were on target from the get-go, taking a 28-7 advantage and never looked back from thereon, leading by as much as 37 points against the Blazers, who absorbed their second loss in as many games. Defending champion Mobil handed the Blazers their first defeat, also via blowout, 91-69.

Veteran Peter Camacho started the Ol'Aces' offensive engine, scoring 6 of the team's first 8 points before the young guns took over and set up a breakaway early in the match. The fast and furious combo of Jesus Iguel and Mike Iguel added 7 and 4 markers, re-



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The Ol'Aces' Juan Iguel goes up for a layup against the Blazers' Juan Maratita during the third quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

spectively, while CNMI U19 National Team member Christian Mizer came of the bench and gave the Ol'Aces their last two baskets in the first period. Freddie Litulimar and Junior Renguul also made it to the board for the Ol'Aces in the opening canto.

While the Ol'Aces' well-run offense in the first 10 minutes was a thing of beauty, the Blazers' was painful to the eyes. The Blazers made only three field goals-hard earned ones- and no player on their roster scored more than 2 points in the opening frame.

The Blazers picked up their scoring in the second canto and it was the only time they managed to match up well with the Ol' Aces. The Blazers scored 21 points with Juan Maratita drilling 11 of them. The Ol'Aces one upped the Blazers, making 22 points to stretch the advantage to 22 at halftime, 50-28.

Iguel continued his consistent contribution for the

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CNMI misses World Series trip



Jerald Cabrera, seen here trying to pick off a runner during a Little League game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, played for the CNMI Senior All-Stars who finished runner-up in the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament held in the Philippines.

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The CNMI fell short in its bid for a World Series trip after

losing to the Philippines, 6-7, in the Senior League finale of the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament yesterday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Olongapo City, Philippines.

According to a media release from organizers of the ASPAC, Ponz Balagtas broke

the CNMI's heart with his dagger—a grounder that drove pinch runner Rafael Esguerra home at the bottom of the seventh inning that ended the exciting championship match.

The CNMI dropped the title game and the World Series ticket that went with it despite leading by two, 4-6, after four complete innings. Had the Commonwealth sluggers won, they would have completed a come-from-behind victory, as the Philippines built a promis-

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